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LIST

OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the House of Bishops, Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of the United churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, and of St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, Associate Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county, St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, officiating in St. Matthew's church, Francisville, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, Rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, an Assistant Minister of the United churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, Rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, Rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Joab G. Cooper*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Weller*, Minister of St. Mark's church, Mantua, and St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Joseph Spencer*, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county, and Professor of Languages in Dickinson college, in that borough.

The Rev. *Charles Smith*, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, assistant to the Rev. G. T. Bedell, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé*, Rector of St. David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, Jr.* Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, and St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Sitgreaves*, residing at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. *Peter Van Pelt*, officiating in St. Thomas's (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Thomas G. Allen*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, Associate Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

The Rev. *Edward Rutledge*, Assistant Professor of Moral Philosophy, in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Piggot*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, missionary, officiating in the churches in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Norman Nash*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William C. Mead*, Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Benjamin B. Smith*, Rector of Grace church, Penn township, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *David C. Page*, missionary, officiating at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James De Pui*, officiating at Bloomsburg, and Madison, Columbia county, and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. *John B. Clemson*, Associate Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Henry I. Whitehouse*, Rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. *Benjamin Hutchins*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John A. Hicks*, Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Pierce Connelly*, officiating in the Swedish church at Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, deacon, missionary for Waterford, and Erie, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William H. Rees*, deacon, minister of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *James May*, deacon, minister of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *George Kirk*, deacon, officiating in St. John's church, New London, Cross Roads, Chester county.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, deacon, Rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county.

The Rev. *Lucius Carter*, deacon, Rector of St. James's church, Muncey, Lycoming county, and Christ church, Madison, Columbia county.

The Rev. *Correy Chambers*, deacon, officiating at Pottsville, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *John T. Adderly*, deacon, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Philipsburgh, Bellefonte, and Huntingdon.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, deacon, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Butler, Butler county, and at Kittanning, Armstrong county.

The Rev. *Francis H. L. Laird*, deacon, missionary in the ser-

vice of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Georgetown, Beaver county.

Total 57.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Trinity church, *Thomas Clayland, T. H. Quinan.*

Beaver County, Georgetown, ——— church, *Thomas Foster.*

Berks County. Reading, Christ church, *Nathaniel P. Hobart, Benneville Keim, Matthias S. Richards.*

Morlattin, St. Gabriel's church, *George Douglass, Dr. George Douglass.*

Morgantown, St. Thomas's church, *John C. Evans, David Morgan.*

Bucks County. Bristol, St. James the Greater's church, *Jacob Hibbs.*

Centre County. Philipsburgh, Trinity church, *William Bagshaw, John Plumbe.*

Chester County. East Nantmeal-township, St. Mary's church, *Clement Brooke, Abraham Dehaven, Levi B. Smith.*

Pequea, St. John's church, *Frederick D. Baker, William Russel, Abner Ubil.*

New London, St. John's church, *Thomas Charlton.*

Great Valley, St. Peter's church, *Cromwell Pearce, Robert Ralston, Abraham Phillips.*

West Whiteland township, (Great Valley) St. Paul's church, *Lewis G. Pearce.*

Columbia County. Bloomsburg, St. Paul's church, *Dr. David Petriken, Dr. Ebenezer Daniels.*

Madison, Christ church, *Jacob Swisher.*

Crawford County. Meadville, Christ church, *Jared Shattuck, John B. Wallace, James R. Dick.*

Cumberland County. Carlisle, St. John's church, *Edward J. Stiles, Benjamin Stiles, Hon. John Reed.*

Dauphin County. Harrisburg, St. Stephen's church, *Hon. S. D. Franks, Thomas Gaullagher.*

Delaware County. Chester, St. Paul's church, *John Robbins, John K. Zeilin.*

Marcus Hook, St. Martin's church, *Thomas Robinson, John Larkin, Jr. Samuel Goodley.*

Concord, St. John's church, *Thomas H. Brinton, Lewis Bullock.*

Radnor, St. David's church, *Jacob Horton, John Hunter, James Norton.*

Lancaster county. Lancaster, St. James's church, *Gilbert Rodman, William Fahnestock, Redmond Conyngham.*

Churchtown, Bangor church, *John Sheaff.*

Leacock, Christ church, *Nathaniel Lightner.*

Luzerne county. Wilkesbarre, St. Stephen's church, *Hon. David Scott, George C. Drake.*

Lycoming county. Muncey, St. James's church, *Benjamin S. M'Carty, Joseph Frederick.*

Mercer county. Mercer, St. John's church, *Samuel Holstein.*

Montgomery county. Whitemarsh, St. Thomas's church, *John Donnaldson, Thomas Shay, Jonathan Shay.*

Perkiomen, St. James's church, *William Casselberry, Jesse Bean, Edward Evans.*

Norristown, St. John's church, *Benjamin Evans, Francis Wade, Daniel St. Clair.*

Northampton county. Easton Trinity church, *Charles Davis.*

Philadelphia city and county. Christ church, *Philip H. Nicklin, George Tryon, Horace Binney.*

St. Peter's church, *William Meredith, John Miller, Jr., Joshua Percival.*

St. James's church, *Thomas Hale, John C. Lowber, Durden B. Carter.*

St. Paul's church, *John Claxton, John Pechin, John Farr.*

St. Stephen's church, *William J. Bell, Dr. N. Chapman Samuel Hazlehurst.*

St. Andrew's church, *Thomas Robins, David Ellmaker, Dr. J. K. Mitchell.*

St. John's church. N. L., *Joseph S. Riley, John M'Kinley, John Hoffman.*

Trinity church, Southwark, *George P. Story, Jesper Harding, Arthur Stotesberry.*

Francisville, St. Matthew's church, *Israel Kinsman, P. K. Hubbs, Cornelius Stevenson.*

Mantua, St. Mark's church, *Richard Peters, Jr., Samuel Breck, Joseph R. Ingersoll.*

Hamiltonville, St. Mary's church, *Henry Becket, Florimond Dusar, Christian Wiltberger.*

Penn township, Grace church, *P. E. Hamm, Samuel J. Robbins, Dr. W. D. Brinckle.*

Lower Dublin, All Saints' church, *Joseph Ashton, Samuel Cox.*

Oxford, Trinity church, *Lynford Lardner, William Overington, Edmund Green.*

Germantown, St. Luke's church, *John W. Ashmead, Wyndham H. Stokes, Benjamin Chew.*

Susquehanna county, Springville, St. Jude's church, *Philonus Beardsley.*

Total 110.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, were not present at this Convention.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in the city of Pittsburg.

The Rev. *Henry H. Pfeiffer*, Rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorn*, residing at Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. *Robert Davis.*

The Rev. *John Davis*, deacon, missionary in Tennessee, in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, Deacon, missionary in Florida, in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Total 8.

The following Lay Deputies entitled by the certificates presented to seats in the Convention, did not answer to their names:

From Zion church, Marietta, Lancaster county, *George W. Boyd*, *John Sheetz*, *George W. Boude:* from Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, *Caleb Hudson*, *Coleman R. Jacobs:* from St. John's church, Franklin, Venango county, *Robert L. Potter:* from All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county, *Nathaniel Lewis:* from St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county, *Hill Brinton:* from Christ church, Madison, Columbia county, *John Gurton:* from St. Paul's church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia county, *Philip Appelman:* from Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county, *Richard Rutter*, *Elias Baker:* from St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county, *Daniel Ubil:* from St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, *Darius Williams, Jr.:* from Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, *Hopewell Hepburn*, *Benjamin S. Shulze:* from St. James's church, Muncey, Lycoming county, *Jacob Rooker:* from St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county, *John Stevens*, *William Bradon:* from St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, *Henry M'Kenty:* from St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, (Great Valley,) Chester county, *Thomas H. B. Jacobs:* from St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county, *John Candor.*

Total 22.

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Philadelphia, St. Andrew's Church,
May 19th, 1829, 6 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and the Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen, and Lay Deputies, attended in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, at six o'clock, P. M.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, and took their seats :—

Rt. Rev. William White, D. D.
Rt. Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.
Joseph Hutchins, D. D.
James Abercrombie, D.D.
Frederick Beasley, D. D.
Bird Wilson, D. D.
James Montgomery, D. D.
William. H. De Lancey, D.D.
Joseph Clarkson
James Wiltbank
Levi Bull
Jackson Kemper
Jehu C. Clay
George Boyd
George Sheets
George Weller
Charles Smith
Joseph Spencer
Jacob M. Douglass
Samuel C. Brincklé
John Rodney, jun.
Joseph Jaquett
Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves
Richard U. Morgan
John Reynolds
Edward Rutledge
Peter Van Pelt
Thomas G. Allen
John H. Hopkins
Samuel Bowman
James De Pui
David C. Page
William Bryant
Henry I. Whitehouse
John B. Clemson
Benjamin Hutchins
Pierce Connelly
Samuel Marks
Lucius Carter
John T. Adderly
William Hilton
Francis H. L. Laird
Correy Chambers
James May
George Kirk
George Mintzer
William H. Rees

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, did not answer to their names.

Rev. Robert Ayres
Francis Reno
John Taylor
Joab G. Cooper
Gregory T. Bedell
Charles M. Dupuy
John V. E. Thorn
Henry Pfeiffer
Norman Nash
Robert Piggot
William C. Mead
Robert Davis
John A. Hicks
Bennet Glover
John Davis
Benjamin B. Smith
Raymond A. Henderson

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:—

Horace Binney
Philip H. Nicklin
George Tryon
William Meredith
John Miller, jun.
Joshua Percival
Arthur Stotesberry
George P. Story
Jesper Harding
William Casselberry
Jesse Bean
Edward Evans
Samuel Holstein
Joseph S. Riley
John M'Kinley
John Hoffman
Lynford Lardner
Edmund Green
Cornelius Stevenson
P. K. Hubbs
Samuel D. Franks
Thomas Gaullagher
John Reed
Edward J. Stiles
Benjamin Stiles
Thomas H. Brinton
Redmond Conyngham
Gilbert Rodman
William Fahnestock
Jacob Swisher
Dr. David Petriken
Dr. Ebenezer Daniels
Abner Ubil
William Bagshaw
David Morgan
Nathaniel P. Hobart
John Donnaldson
Jonathan Shay
Thomas Shay
John Sheaff
John B. Wallace
Jared Shattuck
James R. Dick
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Richard Peters
Samuel Breck
Thomas Hale
Durden B. Carter
John C. Lowber
Samuel Cox
David Ellmaker
Thomas Robins
Daniel St. Clair
Benjamin Evans
T. H. Quinan
W. J. Bell
Samuel Hazlehurst
Dr. N. Chapman
Christian Wiltberger
John Claxton
John Pechin
John Farr
Nathaniel Lightner
Philonus Beardsley

Benjamin Chew	P. E. Hamm
Windham H. Stokes	Samuel J. Robbins
John W. Ashmead	Dr. W. D. Brincklé

The following Lay Deputies, entitled by the certificates presented, to seats in the Convention, did not answer to their names :—

William Overington	John Gurton
Israel Kinsman	Hill Brinton
George W. Boyd	Lewis Bullock
John Sheetz	Philip Appelman
Joseph Ashton	William Russel
Nathaniel Lewis	Frederick D. Baker
Caleb Hudson	Clement Brooke
Coleman R. Jacobs	Abraham Dehaven
Robert L. Potter	Levi B. Smith
Dr. J. K. Mitchell	John Plumbe
John H. Candor	Francis Wade
Richard Rutter	Thomas Clayland
Elias Baker	Florimond Dusar
Daniel Ubil	Henry Becket
John C. Evans	Thomas Robinson
Benneville Keim	John Larkin, jun.
Matthias S. Richards	Samuel Goodley

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary; and the Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. was chosen.

On motion of the Secretary, *Nathaniel P. Hobart*, Lay Deputy, from Christ church, Reading, was appointed Assistant Secretary.

A list of the Clergymen absent from the last Annual Convention, was called over according to the 15th Regulation of the church in this diocese.

The following rules of order were adopted by this Convention, and were read by the Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 4 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

On motion, *Ordered*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, to attend divine service in this church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. *Adjourned.*

St. Andrew's Church, May 20th, 1829.
10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster. A charge was delivered by the Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the diocese: and the holy communion was administered.

The service being concluded, the Convention was called to order.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats.

From St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, Hon. *David Scott, George C. Drake:* from Trinity church, Easton, *Charles Davis:* from St. James's church, Muncey, *Benjamin S. M'Carty, Joseph Frederick.*

The following gentlemen entitled to seats, by certificates presented this morning, did not answer to their names: viz. *Darius Williams*, jun., *Hopewell Hepburn*, *Benjamin S. Shulze*, *Jacob Rooker.*

The following clergymen not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats: viz. Rev. Messrs. *Cooper*, *Bedell*, *Dupuy*, *Nash*, *Piggot*, *Hicks*, *Glover*, and *B. B. Smith.*

The following Lay Deputies not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

William Overington
Israel Kinsman
Joseph Ashton
William Russel
Frederick D. Baker
John Plumbe
Francis Wade
Florimond Dusar
Thomas Robinson
Samuel Goodley
Matthias S. Richards
Dr. J. K. Mitchell
John C. Evans
Lewis Bullock
Clement Brooke
Abraham Dehaven
Levi B. Smith
Thomas Clayland
Henry Becket
John Larkin, jun.
Benneville Keim

On motion, the certificates of the deputies from St. Thomas's, Morgantown, and St. Paul's church, Chester, which were defective, were committed to a committee consisting of Mr. *Meredith*, Judge *Reed*, and Mr. *S. J. Robbins.*

The Right Rev. Bishop *White* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention—

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, I make the following report:—

Shortly after the session of the last convention, I repaired to the city of New York, to be present at the annual meeting of the trustees of the Theological Seminary. On that occasion, I delivered an address to the students, assisted in the examinations, and presided in the deliberations of the trustees, from Tuesday the 24th, to Friday the 27th of June, inclusive. With satisfaction felt, as to the sufficiency of the education, it could not but be a subject of regret, that although in the organizing of the institution, this diocese alone declared a preference of such institutions as would be local; and although it has subsequently sustained the plan, which seemed to have the sanction of the general sense of the church; little has been done for the carrying of the latter opinion into effect, by some of the dioceses which had been decisive in the preference given to it.

On the 9th day of July, I ordained to the holy office of dea-

cons, William Lucas; he is the second beneficiary from the Theological Seminary, furnished by the scholarship instituted by some ladies of this city.

On the 30th of November I consecrated Grace church, in Penn Township, adjacent to this city, preaching and administering the communion on the occasion.

On the 5th of October, in the Swedish church of St. James's, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. Pierce Connelly. On the same occasion, I preached and administered the holy communion.

On the 14th day of December I held a confirmation, and preached, and administered the holy communion, in St. Andrew's church, in this city.

On the 21st day of the same month, I held an ordination, and preached, and administered the holy communion, in Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia county. On the 12th day of April, I preached in St. Paul's church in this city.

On the 10th day of the present month, I preached again in St. Andrew's church in this city. The number of my confirmations is 127. Those of Bishop Onderdonk will be reported by him.

My several confirmations, held in the churches of which I am the rector, are not here noticed; although the number confirmed is comprehended in the aggregate given in. Neither is there notice taken of my preaching, and of my otherwise officiating in said churches.

The changes in our ministry are as follows:—The Rev. Greensbury W. Ridgely, the Rev. Caleb Good, the Rev. Richard S. Mason, the Rev. John W. Curtis, the Rev. William Lucas, the Rev. Ralph Williston, and the Rev. Richard Hall, have left the diocese. The Rev. John Reynolds has been transferred to it from Maryland, and the Rev. Pierce Connelly from Delaware. The Rev. Edward Rutledge has been transferred from Connecticut; the Rev. Benjamin B. Smith from Vermont, and the Rev. Lucius Carter from Maryland.

John W. James, John T. Adderly, William Hilton, and F. H. L. Laird have been ordained deacons by the Right Reverend the Assistant Bishop, as will be reported by him, and are now mentioned as added to the ministry of our church, in this state; with the exception of the first named, who has been transferred to the diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Benjamin Allen has departed this life.

The Rev. Correy Chambers, an emigrant from Ireland, in deacons' orders, has resided nearly a year within the state, and has officiated for some time in Pottsville, Schuylkill county; where the building of a church is in progress. He

brought with him respectable testimonials to his character and literary education.

The Rev. Raymond Alphonso Henderson, having been ordained a deacon in this diocese, and having since engaged in the service of the Missionary Society, is to be considered as a member of our ministry.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass has resigned his pastoral charge of the church in Concord, and is now assisting the rector of the church in which we are assembled.

In my last annual address, I stated the case of the Rev. William R. Bowman as involving circumstances, in relation to which, in the event of his appearance, it would rest with the convention to determine, whether he were entitled to a seat in their body. The case still rests on the same grounds. He has not taken a letter of dismission from the diocese, and continues to reside in Louisiana.

The candidates admitted in the course of the year, and to be added to those on the last journal, are Samuel W. Selden, Sansom K. Brunot, Lyman N. Freeman, Charles Shaler, and Richard Collier.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, may be considered to have increased in usefulness. It is to be hoped, that the increase will be still advanced, by measures lately adopted for the organizing of auxiliaries to it throughout the diocese. Hitherto, there has been but little aid to its funds beyond the city and its suburbs. Its efficiency, while sustained by so slender a provision, may be considered as the promise of much greater good, to result from the possession of more ample means.

The Female Tract Society are persevering in their exertions, for the extending of the knowledge and principles of our holy religion, as held within our church. This is effected by the means of an instrument, unostentatious in its appearance, but powerful in its effect.

The General Episcopal Sunday School Union has an increasing patronage in this diocese, and throughout the United States. It will help to protect our Sunday schools from endeavours perseveringly put in operation, for the subjecting of them to an authority exterior to that of our church.

The Education Society, noticed in my last two addresses, has become merged in the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. In consequence, the small fund of the former has been transferred: but there will be kept a separate account of this, and of any additions which may be made. The present number of beneficiaries is three.

The fund for the widows and children of deceased clergymen, who have been annual contributors to it—for the families

of none other can receive from it, consistently with moral honesty—amounts to $42,595\frac{33}{100}$. It will afford liberal returns to those whose husbands and fathers had secured interests in it by fair purchase, on the terms which govern in monied institutions of that description. Having formerly devoted much time and trouble, and made various journeys, to preserve this fund from annihilation; in which I was aided by a Rev. Brother still living, and whom I perceive to be now present; it is a subject of regret, that there is so little of immediate benefit: but I am comforted by the anticipation of the increased attention to it, which cannot fail to be the effect of its increasing capital.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, have experienced an enlargement of their prospects. After having sustained grievous discouragement, on the one hand, from the scantiness of contributions to their treasury; and, on the other hand, from claims which seemed to presume the possession of abundance of means; there is a gradual conviction throughout our communion, of the duty of carrying the design of the institution into full effect. In relation to the two departments of "Domestic" and "Foreign," different opinions have been declared, as to which of them the preference is due. While there can be no denial of the right to the expression of opinion on either side of the question; it would seem a subject, on which there can be no pretence for the indulgence of unpleasant feelings. The constitution of the society, has committed to every contributor the making of a choice between the kindred objects; and to the results of their exercise of discretion, the whole subject should be left, without censure and without contention.

This diocese having all along taken an interest in the operations of the Bible Society of Philadelphia, the present will be a suitable opportunity of recommending to the countenance and to the aid of all orders of persons in our church, the enterprise undertaken, and in progress, of providing that within the limits of this extensive state, there will not need to be any family without a Bible. It was a great undertaking; but it has been blessed with such a measure of success, as to be a warrant for the expectation of complete accomplishment.

The episcopal fund, of which a report will be made from another department, remains substantially in the same state, with that detailed on the journal of the last year. It ought to be borne in mind, that while we may hope for the perpetuity of a part of this fund, (about $\frac{2}{5}$ of it,) the other part (about $\frac{3}{5}$,) is dependant on the life of the present assistant bishop; any farther than as it may be redeemed by repayment of the loans advanced without interest; by collections to be made annually

in our several churches. In proportion as these collections shall be efficient, the issue will be honourable to our church; and will contribute to the securing of the Episcopacy, in severance from parochial labours.

Brethren—In proportion as your bishop approaches the termination of his mortal course, he derives consolation from the promising beginnings of the labours of the Right Rev. his assistant and successor; and from the manifest evidences exhibited of the increasing acceptableness of his services, and of confidence in his judgment, and in the integrity of his ecclesiastical views. It is with great satisfaction, that his senior commits to him so great a proportion of the concerns of the diocese; considering himself as relieved from them, partly by his weight of years, and partly by there still resting on him a share of the duties of the three churches, with which he has been, during the whole of his ministry, parochially connected. These considerations will not prevent him, so long as he shall retain the use of his faculties, from the taking of a deep interest in the cause of our holy religion; and on that account, in the proceedings of our church in this state, and throughout the Union. In pursuance of this design, it will continue to be an object with him, to sustain the principles on which he has acted during the whole course of his ministry: believing them to be agreeable to Holy Scripture; and to have descended to us through the channel of the primitive church; and of the church with which we have professed to identify ourselves, in all the leading properties of doctrine, of worship, and of discipline.

Having been occupied, during so long a ministry, in sustaining the standards now referred to, he would have found a dark cloud induced over the remainder of his days, had he contemplated in a successor a disposition to a deterioration of the system, by the introduction of opinions and of practices inconsistent with it.

William White.

The Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clergy and the Lay Deputies of this Convention,

In compliance with the 45th Canon of the General Convention, I beg leave to state to you those affairs of the diocese which have occurred through my agency, or been under my especial observation or direction, since our last meeting.

My *visitations* have now extended to the whole diocese; and many of the congregations have been visited twice, and a few of them three times. The ordinary sacred duties performed

by me in the churches of this city are not connected with a visitation; but, for the reason assigned last year, I shall include them in the following enumeration—

Sunday, May 25th, 1828, St. James', Philadelphia, morning; Moyamensing, afternoon. Sunday, June 22nd, St. Marks, Mantua, morning; St. Peter's, Philadelphia, afternoon. July 5th, Christ Church, Reading, evening. Sunday, 6th, do. morning and evening. 8th, Pottsville, evening. 10th, Sunbury, morning and evening. 11th, Danville, afternoon. 12th, do. morning; St. Paul's, Bloomsburgh, afternoon. Sunday, 13th, Bloomsburgh, morning; Orangeville, afternoon. 15th, St. Gabriel's, Sugarloaf, morning. 16th, Christ Church, near Jerseytown, morning. 17th, near Muncey, morning; Hughesburgh, afternoon; Muncey, evening. 18th, Milton, morning and evening. Sunday, 20th, Sunbury, morning; Northumberland, afternoon. Sunday, 27th, officiated in Grace church, Penn Township, after about five weeks' notice; only a Sunday School, two teachers, and two other persons attended. Same afternoon, St. Matthew's, Francisville. Sunday, August 3d, St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh, morning and evening. 4th, St. John's, Carlisle, morning and afternoon. 6th, Bedford, morning and evening. 9th, Trinity church, Pittsburgh, afternoon. Sunday, 10th, do. morning; the church on Chartier's creek, afternoon. 11th, Georgetown church, evening. 12th, do. morning; Beaver, afternoon. 13th, Mercer, afternoon. 14th, Venango Furnace, afternoon. 15th, Franklin, morning. 16th, Christ Church, Meadville, morning. Sunday, 17th, do. morning and evening. 18th, Waterford, afternoon; Erie, evening. 19th, do. morning. 20th, Meadville, morning. 23d, Philipsburgh, evening. Sunday, 24th, do. morning. 25th, Bellefonte, evening. 26th, St. Mark's, Lewistown, evening. 27th, Thompsontown, afternoon; Millerstown, evening. Sunday, 31st, St. James', Philadelphia, morning. Sunday, September 7th, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, morning. Sunday, 14th, St. John's, New London Cross Roads, morning. (My notice to the Rev. Mr. Kirke not having been received by him, and no service being expected, the congregation here was very small.) Sunday, 28th, West Whiteland, morning.

With the last named visit, my tour among the churches, in union with our Convention, was made complete.

Sunday, October 12th, St. Peter's, Philadelphia, morning; Christ Church, afternoon. Sunday, 19th, St. James', Bristol, morning and evening. Sundays, October 26th, and November 2nd, various churches in Philadelphia. 8th, St. John's, Norristown, evening. Sunday, 9th, do. morning; St. James', Perkiomen, afternoon. 10th, Pottsgrove, morning; St. Ga-

briel's, Morlattin, afternoon. Sunday, 16th, Trinity church, Oxford, morning; All Saints, Lower Dublin, afternoon. Sunday, 23d, St. Luke's, Germantown, morning and evening. Sunday, 30th, Christmas day, and Sunday, December 28th, various churches in Philadelphia.

January 1st, 1829, Sundays, 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, various churches in Philadelphia. Sunday, February 1st, St. Luke's, Germantown, morning. Sundays, 8th, 15th, and 22nd; also March 29th, April 5th and 12th, and Good-Friday, various churches in Philadelphia. Sunday, April 19th, (Easter-day,) St. James', Lancaster, morning, afternoon, and evening. 24th, Christ Church, Greensburgh, morning. 25th, Connelsville, morning and afternoon. Sunday, 26th, Grace church, Fayette county, morning; Christ Church, Brownsville, evening. 27th, St. Peter's, Washington county, morning; Bealville, afternoon. 29th, Georgetown church, morning and afternoon. 30th, St. Paul's, Beaver county, morning. Sunday, May 3d, Trinity church, Pittsburgh, morning and afternoon. 5th, Blairsville, morning and evening. 7th, Huntingdon, morning and evening. Sunday, 10th, St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh, morning and evening. Sunday, 17th, St. James', Philadelphia, afternoon.

In all the journeys by which the above visitations were accomplished, I have been favoured with the most kind and acceptable hospitality; for which I take this opportunity of expressing my grateful acknowledgments.

Marietta and the church on Chartier's creek, were included in the list of appointments issued before my last journey; but particular local circumstances rendered ineffectual these parts of my arrangements.

From May 28th, to June 16th, 1828, I was engaged in a visitation of the diocese of Delaware, by request of bishop White, who has charge of that diocese under the 20th Canon of the General Convention. From December 5th, to 23d, 1828, and from February 5th to March 16th, 1829, I was engaged in visitations of the diocese of Maryland, under a special invitation from its Standing Committee; my connexion with that diocese under that invitation expired on the 1st day of the present month. From March 16th, to 24th, 1829, I was again engaged in a visitation of part of Delaware.

On three Sundays I have omitted preaching; having been once confined by sickness, and once not sufficiently recovered for that duty.

Six adults and six children, exclusive of a few to be otherwise reported, have been baptized by me. And I have administered the Holy Communion fourteen times in public, and twice in private to the sick.

The *confirmations* held by me have been as follows:

Bloomsburgh, 33 persons. Sugarloaf, 11. Jerseytown, 11. Muncey, 33. Sunbury, 7. Carlisle, 13. Pittsburgh, 21. Georgetown, 9. Meadville, 43, and again, 8. Philipsburgh, 9. Norristown, 16. Perkiomen, 24. Germantown, 13. Lancaster, 10. Greensburgh, 9. Connelsville, 11. Grace church, Fayette county, 5. St. Peter's, Washington county, 2. Georgetown, 29. St. Paul's, Beaver county, 18. Pittsburgh, 22. Blairsville, 16. Harrisburgh, 3.

Four persons have been *ordained* by me, viz:

In Trinity church, Pittsburgh, August 10th, 1828, Mr. John W. James and Mr. John T. Adderly, were ordained Deacons.

In Christ church, Meadville, August 20th, 1828, Mr. William Hilton was ordained a Deacon.

In St. John's church, Norristown, November 9th, 1828, Mr. Francis H. L. Laird was ordained a Deacon.

The *consecrations of churches* in the course of the above visitations have been two in number, viz: St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf, on the 15th of July—and Christ church, Meadville, on the 16th of August.

Churches are erecting at Franklin, Blairsville and Danville. St. Paul's church, Chester county, is ready for consecration. In several parishes measures are in progress preparatory to the erection of houses of worship. The churches at Thompsontown and Pottsville, mentioned in my report last year, are enclosed.

The *missionaries* employed within the past year under the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, were 11 in number, and stationed as follows:

1. The Rev. Bennet Glover, at Erie and Waterford.
2. The Rev. Charles Smith, at Meadville, Franklin, Mercer, and Venango Furnace.
3. The Rev. William Hilton, at Butler, Kittaning, and the Slippery Rock Creek, with which latter congregation it is probable that at Venango Furnace will unite.
4. The Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, at Georgetown and St. Paul's, Beaver county.
5. The Rev. David C. Page, at Greensburgh and Blairsville.
6. The Rev. John T. Adderly, at Philipsburgh, Bellefonte and Huntingdon.
7. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, at New Milford. Mr. H. resigned this station last fall.
8. The Rev. Samuel Marks, at Springville, and St. Matthew's, Wyalusing creek.
9. The Rev. George Weller, at Mantua and Hamiltonville.

10. The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, principally.

11. The Rev. Correy Chambers, at Pottsville, and at various places among the miners in its vicinity. This gentleman brought letters of Deacons' orders from the Bishop of Meath, in Ireland. Not having yet resided a year in this country, he is debarred (by Canon 35th of the General Convention) a settlement in any parish. His ministrations however at and near Pottsville, rendered in pursuance of a temporary arrangement with the vestry, have been so satisfactory as to induce the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania to vote him a donation; his services being, in effect, those of a missionary.

In behalf of this excellent society, our venerable diocesan and myself united last fall in a communication to the several parishes of the diocese. And, at its last anniversary, held on the evening of the Epiphany, I gladly availed myself of an opportunity of urging the Domestic Missionary claims, to which the resources of that society are chiefly devoted. I beg leave again to call the attention of the diocese to that subject. There is no way to extend and invigorate the growth of our church, but the unwearied prosecution of missions of this sort. The more I see of the interior and distant parts of the state, and the more I hear of similar portions of our country at large, the more deeply am I convinced of their paramount claims to this department of our sacred liberality. Every journey I make, I become the more thoroughly persuaded, that no public duty of the members of this diocese can compare in importance with that of aiding, with the most ardent zeal, and with unstinted generosity, the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

H. U. Onderdonk.

May 19*th*, 1829.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, *Resolved*, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, not belonging to this diocese, and such students of divinity in the same church, as may be now in this city, be admitted to attend the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention: Rev. *N. B. Crocker*, of the diocese of Rhode Island; the Rev. *James Milnor*, D. D., the Rev. *William Creighton*, the Rev. *George Upfold*, the Rev. *J. P. M'Ilvaine*, and the Rev. *R. D. Hall*, of the diocese of New York; the Rev. *Simon Wilmer*, and the Rev. *Henry M. Mason*, of the diocese of New Jersey; the Rev. *Stephen H. Ting*, of the diocese of Maryland; and the Rev. *Francis Rutledge*, of the diocese of South Caro-

lina; and Mr. *Christian Wiltberger*, a candidate for orders, in this diocese.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,
May 20th, 1829, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats.

St. John's church, New London, *Thomas Charleton.*

St. James's, Bristol, *Jacob Hibbs.*

St. David's, Newtown, *Isaac Norton, Jacob Horton, John Hunter.*

St. Peter's, Great Valley, *Cromwell Pearce, Robert Ralston, Abraham Philips.*

St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, *George Douglass*, Dr. *George Douglass.*

St. Paul's, Great Valley, *Lewis G. Pearce.*

The following gentlemen entitled by certificates presented, to seats, did not answer to their names. *John Stevens, Wm. Bradon, and Thomas H. B. Jacobs.*

Mr. *Thomas Foster* presented a certificate of his appointment, as a lay deputy from the church above Georgetown, Beaver county, which certificate was, on motion of Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, committed to Messrs. *Meredith, Reed*, and *S. J. Robbins.*

Rev. Mr. *Hopkins* presented two memorials* from inhabitants of Pittsburg, praying for the establishment of a Western Theological Seminary, to be located in, or near that city; which were referred to Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, Rev. Mr. *Rutledge*, Mr. *Binney*, and Judge *Reed.*

Mr. *Petriken* presented a certificate of the appointment of lay deputies, from Christ church, Danville, which was, on motion, referred to Mr. *Lowber*, Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, and Mr. *Ingersoll.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, ordered, that the Rev. Messrs. *Hopkins* and the Rev. Mr. *Rodney* be a committee to examine if there be any business on the Journal of the last Convention, to be acted on by this Convention.

Mr. *Meredith*, from the Committee to which were referred the certificates of the deputies from St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, and St. Paul's church, Chester, made the following report.

"The Committee to which the certificates of St. Paul's,

* For these memorials, see Appendix.

Chester, Delaware county, and from St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county, were referred, report the following facts of the cases respectively, as they appear on the certificates, and the statements of the parties.

By the former certificate it appears that five gentlemen are named by the vestry of the church, "any three of whom were duly chosen delegates" to attend this Convention; and that, after the certificate was handed to the Secretary, and read, one of the gentlemen nominated, without authority from the others, or the vestry, but doubtless from motives which may not be questioned, erased two of the five names from the certificate, and so it now stands with this alteration and erasure.

By the latter certificate, three gentlemen were regularly appointed, and one of them, stated to be a warden of the church, (but not certifying in that character,) by a writing endorsed on the certificate, appoints Mr. Thomas Welsh, to supply his place in this Convention, "agreeably to a resolve of the *congregation* of the church relating to a vacancy occurring in the said delegation." What the resolve is, or when and where it was passed, is not shown further than by the certificate.

The Constitution, Article IV., provides that "the churches may send to the Convention a deputy or deputies, worshippers in the said church, not more than three; to be elected by the *vestry* of such church." It is believed that a loose practice has in some instances occurred, and passed sub silentio, by which, agreeably to the provisions of the regulation with respect to the delegation to the General Convention, members of the delegation of the same order, on notice given, may appoint for the time being, a substitute or substitutes in the place of others unable to attend. But the Committee do not find any similar regulations concerning deputies to the State Convention.

The Committee find it difficult to reconcile such a practice with the Constitution, which expressly requires an election *by the vestry of the church.* But if the practice is to have weight, still it does not seem to embrace either of the cases under consideration.

At St. Paul's, five were nominated, and three of them are said to be duly chosen. The vestry have not chosen three; and this Convention has no power to select or appoint. Can one of the five appoint the three? There is no such power given by the Constitution, nor yet by the practice referred to. Suppose the five should claim their seats, or that although but three should appear in the first instance, a fourth or fifth should afterward claim to sit, the Convention has no power to decide on their pretensions.

As regards the church of St. Thomas, the case in the opi-

nion of the Committee is not less clear. Three are regularly appointed, and one "agreeably to a resolve of the *congregation*," which, by the Constitution, has nothing to do with the transaction, of himself, by an endorsement on the certificate, appoints a substitute for himself! This would be giving a negotiable character to certificates of appointment altogether different from what was intended by the Constitution.

The Committee, on the whole, conceiving that these appointments are not to be reconciled either with the Constitution or the alleged practice, is constrained to regard them as unauthorized, and that there does not appear to have been a proper execution of the power of appointment by the vestries, or either of them, nor yet hy any person or persons to whom they have delegated the power, even if it admits of delegation.

They therefore, regretting the necessity of excluding from this Convention, the respectable persons who may appear ready to represent the churches, or any of them, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the certificates offered to entitle Messrs. *Price*, *Zeilin*, and *Robbins*, from St. Paul's church, and Mr. *Welsh*, from St. Thomas's church, are not sufficient to entitle them to seats in this Convention.

Wm. Meredith,
John Reed,
Samuel J. Robbins."

Mr. *Binney*, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention, made the following report relative to the Canons, stating that the Committee had, in pursuance of the directions of the last Convention, caused to be distributed copies of the report among the clergymen and vestries of the churches of the diocese.

RESOLUTION OF CONVENTION. MAY 23, 1828.

Resolved, That the consideration of so much of the report and resolution as relates to the *canons* and *regulations*, be postponed, and that it be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report to the next stated annual convention.

In obedience to the preceding resolution, the committee report the following canons and regulations.

William White,
Henry U. Onderdonk,
Frederick Beasley,
Bird Wilson,
Horace Binney,
William Meredith,
Joseph R. Ingersoll.

Philadelphia, May 20, 1829.

PROPOSED CANONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Canon I.

Of the trial of a clergyman, not being a Bishop.

Sec. I. The trial of a clergyman, not being a bishop, shall be, on a presentment in writing, specifying with clearness and certainty, as to time, place, and circumstance, the crime, or misdemeanor, by violation of the canons or otherwise, charged; the said presentment to be made to the bishop, either by the convention, or by the vestry of the parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this diocese, entitled to a seat in the convention; the said vestry or presbyters pledging themselves to make good the accusation. If the presentment be made by the convention, they shall by ballot appoint a committee to sign and prosecute the same.

Sec. II. Such presentment being made to the bishop, and being accompanied by a farther statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as is relied on, the bishop shall cause a copy of said presentment to be served upon the accused, by a summoner appointed by the bishop, and shall call on him by written summons to show cause, at a day and place therein named, why a commissary should not be appointed as hereinafter set forth; and, upon the return of the summoner that he has served the same, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown, the bishop shall appoint a suitable person to be a commissary, who shall repair to the city, or county, where the crime or misdemeanor is alleged to have been committed; and, having either then or previously appointed a convenient time and place, and given not less than fifteen days notice thereof by a summoner appointed by the bishop to the party accused, and also to the chairman, or a member of the committee appointed by the convention, or to either churchwarden of the vestry, or to either of the three presbyters, presenting, the commissary shall then and there proceed to examine the witnesses on both sides, carefully taking down their examinations in writing, which being approved by the witnesses, shall be signed by them respectively; and, if it be required by either party, some person qualified by law to administer an oath or affirmation shall be requested to do so in this behalf: and the examinations so taken, with any documentary evidence certified by the commissary and enclosed under his seal, shall by him be delivered or transmitted to the bishop without delay; whereupon further proceedings shall be taken, unless, upon satisfactory evidence of error or mal-practice, the bishop shall deem it necessary to justice to order a further examination; in which case, the same or another commissary, as the bishop shall determine, shall be appointed as before, and with similar powers and duties.

Sec. III. Either before the appointment of a commissary, or after a report made by him, the bishop shall have power to dismiss the presentment, and declare the accused party discharged, if the accusation contained in it appears to him an insufficient cause of presentment in itself, or to be clearly unsupported by the evidence.

Sec. IV. Upon the report of the commissary being made to the bishop, and no further examination being ordered, nor the presentment dismissed by him as aforesaid, the bishop shall nominate eight presbyters of this diocese having a seat in the convention, of whom the accused may choose two; or in case of his refusal or neglect so to do, the standing committee shall select two; and the presbyters so chosen shall be

the assessors. And the commissary and assessors, having agreed upon some convenient time and place, and having caused not less than thirty days' notice thereof to be given to the party accused, and also to the chairman or a member of the committee appointed by the convention, or to either church-warden of the vestry, or to either of the three presbyters, presenting, the said notice to be given by a summoner appointed by the bishop, shall then and there proceed to the trial, upon the evidence and report of the commissary, and upon such other evidence as may be produced; which new evidence shall be reduced to writing, and approved and signed by the witnesses respectively, as before. The commissary and assessors having deliberately considered the evidence, shall, within ten days after closing the same, declare in a written judgment signed by them, or by a majority of them, that the accused is guilty, or that he is not guilty, of the charges laid in the presentment, in the order therein set forth; which judgment, with all the evidence received, shall be delivered forthwith to the bishop: provided always, that the accused shall be allowed to be present at all the examinations of witnesses and other proceedings, whether held by the commissary, or by the commissary and assessors, and to offer explanations, or a defence of the acts with which he is charged; and provided also, that the matter of such explanations or defence shall be reduced to writing by the accused, and be presented, with the evidence, to the bishop.

Sec. V. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the commissary, when summoned according to Sec. 2. of this canon, the examination shall proceed as if he were present. And if the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the commissary and assessors, (except for some reasonable cause, to be judged of by them,) when summoned according to Sec. 4. of this canon, and no defence be there made under his authority, they shall declare him to be in contumacy, and report the same to the bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy: but the said sentence may be reversed by the bishop, if within three calendar months the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment; but if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry for contumacy shall forthwith be pronounced by the bishop, and shall be publicly read in the churches.

Sec. VI. The accused, on his first appearance, whether before the bishop at the return of the summoner previous to the appointment of a commissary, or before the commissary, or before the commissary and assessors, shall be called on to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him. On his neglect or refusal to answer, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him. And if he be found, or confess himself, guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the bishop shall pronounce the sentence according to the canons; but in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, the standing committee shall report the proceedings to the bishop of some other diocese, as near as may be to this, by whom the sentence according to the canons may be pronounced. Provided always, that the bishop, upon satisfactory proof of error or mal-practice in the proceedings of the commissary and assessors, may, if he deems it necessary to justice, grant a new trial to the accused; in which case, new assessors shall be appointed, and the other proceedings be conducted as directed by Sec. 4. of this canon.

Sec. VII. The proceedings in the case being complete, according to the requisitions of this canon, the sentence or penalty pronounced by the bishop, according to the canons, shall be final.

Canon II.

Of the repulsion of a Layman from the Holy Communion, and of the proceedings to his trial in case of appeal.

Sec. I. The minister of any parish shall, according to the rubric, repel from the holy communion any, being a communicant of his parish, whom he knows to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbour by word or deed, so that the congregation be thereby offended; also those betwixt whom he perceiveth malice or hatred to reign; which repulsion shall continue and be in force until the conditions required by the rubric shall have been respectively fulfilled: provided that the act of repulsion shall always be in writing, and shall specify the causes thereof, and shall be served on the party repelled, either in person, or by a sealed letter left at his usual place of abode: and provided also, that the minister shall not repel as aforesaid, for any cause or controversy to which he or his family, or any of them, shall be a party, nor if the minister be a deacon only.

Sec. II. Although, because no man shall be a judge in his own cause, and all should judge righteously, it is forbidden to a minister to repel for any cause or controversy to which he is a party, or in any case in which, by reason of fear, favour, or affection, he may not be impartial; yet if, notwithstanding, he shall in his conscience believe that a party ought to be repelled from the holy communion for any of the causes set forth in the rubric, he shall refer the whole matter to the presbyters of three of the nearest parishes, who, or a majority of whom, shall act in this behalf, in his place and stead, with like powers and duties; and in all cases where the minister is only a deacon, he shall refer the case to three presbyters in like manner: provided always, that nothing in this canon shall be so construed as to forbid the private admonitions of the minister to the party offending, and also his private advice that such party withdraw voluntarily, should the minister deem such advice proper and expedient.

Sec. III. When any person shall have been repelled from the holy communion, the minister or ministers repelling him shall give written notice, with the cause thereof, to the bishop, within ten days, if the usual place of worship of the parish of the party repelled, be not more than five miles distant from the residence of the bishop; or, if at a greater distance, such notice shall be transmitted through the post-office, within fifteen days from the time of the repulsion. In case of a vacancy in the office of bishop, the notice shall be given to the succeeding bishop within one calendar month after his consecration. And in case of failure to give such notice, the act of repulsion shall be void.

Sec. IV. If any person so repelled from the holy communion shall allege that injustice has been done, or that the provisions herein contained have been violated or disregarded, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing in truth and sincerity to comply with the requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the holy communion, his repulsion shall be continued, he may present his complaint in writing to the bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the communion. Whereupon, unless the bishop shall in a summary manner, according to the fifth section of this canon, direct him to be restored, an inquiry and examination shall be made in manner following. The notice given to the bishop by the presbyter or presbyters repelling, shall stand in the place of a presentment of the party repelled; and the proceedings thereon shall be the same as are before provided in

the case of a presentment made against a clergyman, not being a bishop, after the report of the commissary, except that besides the clerical assessors, the bishop shall nominate eight laymen of this diocese, of whom the accused may choose two, or in case of his neglect or refusal, the standing committee shall appoint two; and the two persons so chosen or appointed, with the two clerical assessors, to be chosen or appointed as aforesaid, having added one layman to their number, shall be the assessors, and proceed to the trial in like manner as is provided in the case of a clergyman not being a bishop; and having heard and deliberately considered the allegations and testimony on either side, they, or a majority of them, shall declare in writing their judgment, whether the party presented has been rightfully repelled, according to the rubric and the provisions of this canon, or not; and whether his repulsion ought or ought not to be continued; and shall forthwith report their judgment to the bishop; and unless the bishop shall see cause to order a rehearing of the case by the assessors, or, if desired by the party repelled, by other assessors to be nominated and chosen, or appointed in manner aforesaid, he shall communicate the judgment to the presbyter or presbyters repelling, and to the party repelled, which shall be final and conclusive. Provided, that if the judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

Sec. V. On the presentation of the complaint of the party repelled, the bishop may, in a summary manner, direct him to be restored to the communion, if the cause assigned by the minister or ministers for the repulsion be in the bishop's opinion insufficient, or the repulsion be contrary to the canons.

Sec. VI. Any layman, being a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, may, for any of the causes stated in the first section of this canon, be presented by the vestry of the congregation to which he belongs. The presentment shall be made in the form directed by the first section of the first of these canons, and the proceedings thereon shall be the same as are directed by the fourth section of this canon.

Canon III.

Of the trial of a Bishop.

Sec. I. The presentment of a bishop shall be made only by the convention, and at a stated session, a majority of each order concurring: it shall be in writing, setting forth with clearness and certainty, in regard to time, place, and circumstance, the crime, or the misdemeanor imputed; and shall be signed by the clerical and lay-members thereto consenting, and made to any two or more, not exceeding three, bishops: provided, that the resolution to present, and the vote thereon, shall not, in any case, take place on the same day. And the convention making the presentment, shall, by a concurrent vote, appoint a committee, to consist of three presbyters and three lay-members of their own body, to whom they may give instructions for prosecuting the same; of which committee the member first named shall be the chairman, and so successively, if a vacancy happens. Upon a presentment being so made, the bishops shall have authority to proceed thereupon in the manner hereby directed.

Sec. II. The bishops shall cause a copy of the presentment to be served upon the accused by a summoner, to be by them appointed, and shall call on him by written summons to appear at a time and place

named and answer thereto. If he appear, he shall then be called on to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence or offences charged against him; and, on his neglect or refusal, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him. Whereupon, unless he confess himself guilty, the bishops shall nominate three other bishops, if there be so many in the United States; and if not, all the other bishops; and out of the whole number, that is to say, the bishops to whom the presentment is made, and the others by them nominated, the accused bishop may choose three; or if he neglect or refuse so to do, the bishops to whom the presentment is made, if only two, shall appoint one other, who with themselves shall be the judges on the trial; or if they be three, then these three shall be the judges.

SEC. III. The bishops so appointed or constituted the judges, shall fix on some convenient time and place within this diocese for the trial, and having caused at least thirty days' notice thereof to be given to the accused by a summoner to be by them appointed, and also to the chairman of the committee of the convention constituted to conduct the prosecution of the presentment in the manner before directed, they shall then and there proceed in the trial; provided, that for sufficient cause or to prevent a failure of justice, they may adjourn from time to time; and provided also, that the accused shall at all times during the trial have free liberty to be present, to produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

SEC. IV. The judges having fully heard the allegations and testimony of the parties, and deliberately considered the same, after they have withdrawn, shall declare respectively whether, in their opinion, the accused be guilty or not guilty of the charges contained in the presentment, in the order in which they are set forth; and the declaration of a majority of the judges, being reduced to writing, and signed by those who assent thereto, shall be considered as the judgment of said judges, and shall be pronounced in the presence of the parties, if they choose to attend. And if it be that the accused is guilty, the judges shall at the same time pass their sentence, and award the penalty according to the canons: provided, that if the accused shall, before sentence is passed, show satisfactory cause to induce a belief that justice has not been done, the judges, or a majority of them, may, according to their sound discretion, grant a re-hearing; and in either case, before passing sentence, the accused shall have the opportunity of being heard, if he have aught to say in excuse or palliation. Provided, that the accused shall not be held guilty, unless a majority of the judges shall concur in regard to one or more of the offences charged, and only as relates to those charges in which a majority so concur.

SEC. V. If the accused bishop neglect or refuse to appear, according to the summons of the bishops to whom the presentment is made, or to appear and make defence before the judges, notice having been served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause, to be allowed by the said bishops or judges, they shall declare him to be in contumacy; and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall be pronounced against him for contumacy, by the senior of the said bishops or judges: but the said sentence shall be reversed, if within three calendar months he shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment. But if the accused bishop shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry shall, at the instance of the prosecuting committee, be pronounced against him by the senior of the two or more bishops, to whom the case was originally referred.

Canon IV.

Of taking the depositions of witnesses.

If, in any case, either of a clergyman, not being a bishop, or of a layman, the testimony of witnesses shall be requisite, whose attendance before the commissary or at the trial cannot, in the opinion of the bishop, be procured, their depositions shall be taken and reduced to writing, upon such notice to the party presenting or party accused, and under such other regulations as the bishop shall prescribe, and shall, when taken in conformity, be read in evidence, with the same effect as if taken by the commissary, or at the trial. In the case of an accused bishop, the taking of the testimony of such witnesses may, in like manner, and with the same effect, be authorized by the bishops appointed to be the judges.

Canon V.

Of persons against whom presentments are made, not to be found, or removed; and of the service of notices, or citations.

Sec. I. If a presentment be duly made against a clergyman not a bishop, and after reasonable diligence he cannot be found in this diocese, or has removed from it, and notice of the presentment cannot on that account be served on him, and return be made accordingly by the summoner, in such case, the bishop, with the advice of the standing committee, having considered the character of the accusation, and the probability of its truth, may suspend the accused from the exercise of all his ministerial functions. But such suspension shall be removed, if within three months the accused shall appear and accept service of a citation, returnable within thirty days. If the accused shall not so appear within three months, the bishop, with the consent of the standing committee, may pronounce sentence of degradation against him.

Sec. II. If, from causes the same as those mentioned in the preceding section, notice of presentment cannot be served on an accused bishop, and return be made accordingly by the summoner, the two or more bishops before whom the presentment is first laid, shall, after sixty days, proceed to examine the witnesses for the prosecution, and such other witnesses as may offer, all the evidence being reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively. The said two or more bishops, or a majority of them, shall then transmit to each of the other bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, copies of the presentment, and of the evidence so taken, requesting of each of them his opinion in writing, whether the accused bishop is guilty or not guilty; and the said two or more bishops shall also produce in writing their respective opinions on the same question. And if a majority of all the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States shall so declare their opinion that the accused is guilty, the senior of the said two or more bishops shall, at the instance of the prosecuting committee of the convention, pronounce sentence of degradation from the ministry against the bishop accused; and this sentence shall be final.

Sec. III. Every notice or citation to either party, required in consequence of a presentment, shall be directed to the summoner, appointed for the occasion, according to the canons respectively; and return thereof shall be made thereon in writing; and the leaving a copy at the last place of abode of the person to be cited, or delivering it to him in person, shall be deemed good service thereof.

Canon VI.

Of Penalties.

Sec. I. If any clergyman of this church, not a bishop, shall be guilty of crime or of misdemeanor, by violation of the canons, or otherwise, and shall be thereof duly convicted, or shall confess himself guilty, he shall be admonished by the bishop, or suspended from the ministry, or degraded therefrom, according to the character and circumstances of his offence. All suspension or degradation from the ministry shall be from the entire ministry, and not merely from a higher to a lower grade of the same.

Sec. II. After an accused clergyman, not a bishop, has been convicted by the commissary and assessors, the said commissary and assessors shall forthwith proceed to consider and declare, in writing, and under their signatures, what in their opinion is the due punishment of the offence, of which the accused has been found guilty, having respect to the character and circumstances of the offence, whether admonition by the bishop, suspension, and for what period, or under what conditions, or degradation; and they, or a majority of them, being assembled for this purpose, shall not separate or adjourn, until they have so declared their opinion of the due punishment; and their said declaration shall be forthwith delivered or transmitted to the bishop, together with their judgment of conviction, and the evidence in the cause.

Sec. III. If the bishop approve of the punishment so declared, he shall in writing give sentence accordingly: but if he do not approve of it, he shall, in like manner, impose such other less punishment hereby authorized as he shall think justly due.

Sec. IV. If a layman repelled by his minister shall after trial be found guilty, his repulsion shall continue, subject to the conditions of the rubric: and if found guilty on a presentment according to the sixth section of the second canon, he shall be repelled from the communion, subject to the same conditions.

Sec. V. If, during the trial of a layman, it shall appear, from the evidence, to the assessors, that there has been great heinousness and aggravation in the offence or offences of the accused, they may, after convicting him, and without separating or adjourning, declare in writing to the bishop, that the said convicted layman ought not to be any longer a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. And if the bishop, acting on the subject without delay, shall agree thereto, the expulsion of the said person from the Protestant Episcopal Church, shall be the punishment to be inflicted.

Sec. VI. If a clergyman, not a bishop, shall confess himself guilty on any presentment duly made, the bishop shall determine on his punishment, whether admonition, suspension, and for what term, and on what conditions, or degradation from the ministry. If a lay person, after appealing to the bishop from the sentence of repulsion from the holy communion, shall, at any period before or during the investigation or trial, confess himself guilty of the offence or offences for which he was repelled, the bishop shall determine the duration of his repulsion, or the conditions on which it shall be removed; or, in case there has been great heinousness and aggravation in his offence or offences, his expulsion from the Protestant Episcopal Church. Provided always, and in all cases of repulsion from the holy communion, that, if the person repelled be visited with extreme or mortal sickness, the minister of the parish, if satisfied that he is truly penitent, but not otherwise,

may administer the holy communion, or authorize it to be administered to him before his death, though the term of repulsion be not expired.

SEC. VII. When an accused bishop shall be convicted, the same tribunal that has convicted him, shall further determine the punishment due to the offender, considering the character and circumstances of the offence, whether admonition by the said judges, suspension from the ministry, and for what period, or under what conditions, or degradation from the ministry. And this decision shall be final.

SEC. VIII. If an accused bishop, on his appearance before the bishops, according to the second section of the third canon, or in writing, and under his signature, confess that he is guilty of the offence charged in the presentment made by the convention of his diocese, the two or more bishops to whom the case is first referred, shall determine the punishment due, whether admonition by the said bishops, suspension from the ministry, and for what period, or under what conditions, or degradation from the ministry; and this, their decision, shall be final.

SEC. IX. In every case of degradation from the ministry, the bishop who pronounces sentence shall, without delay, cause the sentence of degradation to be published from every pulpit in this diocese, where there may be an officiating minister; and he shall also give information of the sentence to all the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the standing committees of those dioceses in which there is no bishop.

CANON VII.

Of misbehaviour of Clergymen residing in another State.

If a clergyman resident in another state shall come temporarily into this, under the imputation of having elsewhere been guilty of any crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the canons, or otherwise, or if any clergyman while sojourning here shall misbehave in any of these respects, the bishop, upon probable cause, may admonish such clergyman, and forbid him to officiate in this diocese. And if, after such prohibition, the said clergyman so officiate, the bishop shall give notice to all the congregations that the officiating of the said clergyman is, under any and all circumstances, prohibited; and like notice shall he give to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the standing committee of the diocese, to which the said clergyman belongs. And such prohibition shall continue in force until the bishop of this diocese be satisfied of the innocence of the said clergyman, or until he be acquitted on trial, and notice thereof be given by the bishop.

CANON VIII.

Of the evidence of the clerical residence of Clergymen removing into this diocese necessary to entitle them to seats in the Convention.

SEC. I. To qualify a clergyman coming from another state, district, or diocese for a seat in the convention, it shall be necessary first to obtain from the bishop a written testimonial of his being received as a clergyman of this diocese. And to entitle him to such testimonial, he shall produce from the bishop or bishops, or if there be no bishop, from a majority of the clerical members of the standing committee or committees of the diocese or dioceses wherein he has resided during the last preceding three years, which committee or committees shall in all cases be duly convened, satisfactory written testimonials, signed by the said bishop or bishops, or by the majority of the clerical members of

said standing committee or committees, that he has not been justly liable to evil report for error in religion or viciousness of life, during the three years last past; or if he come to this diocese from any state or district which has not acceded to the general constitution, the said testimonials shall be signed by three clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and if he be a deacon, the said testimonials shall be addressed to the bishop of this diocese; or if there be no bishop, to the standing committee thereof. And the bishop shall moreover be satisfied that such clergymen has been called to settle in some parish in this diocese, and that he has come hither with that purpose and expectation; or that he is engaged as a professor, tutor, or instructer of youth in some college, academy, or other incorporated seminary of learning, or as a missionary, under the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese; or that he has been stationed within this diocese as a chaplain in the army or navy of the United States: and in such cases, the bishop shall give the testimonial required. Provided always, that whenever the bishop shall deem it expedient, he may further inquire of the bishop, or if there be no bishop, of the standing committee of any diocese in which the said clergyman has previously resided, concerning his orderly compliance with the institutions and government of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and if the answer to the said inquiry shall specify acts contrary thereto, done by said clergyman, the bishop may withhold the said testimonial until he is satisfied of the good intentions in the premises, of the said clergyman, for the future.

Sec. II. This testimonial shall be the evidence of the commencement of the canonical residence and right to a seat in the convention, required by the constitution, as regards clergymen hereafter coming into this diocese.

Canon IX.

Of the Standing Committee.

Sec. I. At every stated convention, a standing committee, to consist of five of the clergy and five of the laity, shall be chosen by ballot, by the concurrent vote of the members of each order. And vacancies occurring by death, or otherwise, in said committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members and lay members of the committee.

Sec. II. This committee shall have in special charge, the care and investment of the convention fund, and also of the fund for the support of the episcopate, whether arising from the legacy of the late Andrew Doz, Esq. or otherwise given in charge or trust to the convention.

Sec. III. In case of a vacancy in the episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to and be performed by the standing committee. In case of such vacancy, the standing committee shall also have power to act in the granting of testimonials to clergymen removing into this diocese, agreeably to the canons.

Sec. IV. In the case of the absence of the bishop of this diocese in foreign parts, expected to continue for six months, or more, the bishop, before his departure, shall, with the consent of the standing committee, request the bishop of some neighbouring diocese, or some other bishop or bishops, to perform the episcopal acts and duties pertaining to this diocese, during his absence: or if the bishop neglect, or

refuse to do so, the standing committee may do the same, at any time after his departure from the United States. All other acts and duties of the bishop, being such as may be performed by the standing committee in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, shall be equally performed by them during any absence of the bishop, as aforesaid. And the convention, during said absence of the bishop, shall, at each meeting thereof, elect its president.

SEC. V. The record of all the proceedings on a presentment of a clergyman or layman shall be preserved by the standing committee; and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their secretary.

CANON X.

Of the celebration of Marriage.

No minister of this church shall celebrate any marriage, without being satisfied that it is not forbidden by the law of God, or of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or by the canons of the church. And if both or either of the parties be minors, it shall be also necessary that the consent of the parents, guardians, master, or mistress, (as the case may require) be first obtained, unless they live out of the United States, and that fact be known or proved to the minister; and that such consent be certified to him by some credible person or persons acquainted with them and the minor, or be otherwise sufficiently proved or known to him. Whereupon the minister, not knowing nor having reason to believe that there is any lawful impediment, may, and if either of the parties be of his congregation, it shall be his duty to join them in marriage. The certificate aforesaid shall be in writing, if he requires it.

CANON XI.

Of Parochial Instruction.

SEC. I. All ministers of parishes, and all missionaries in this diocese, shall be diligent in instructing the children in the catechism; and shall also, by stated catechetical lectures and instruction, be diligent in informing the youth and others, in the doctrines, constitution, and liturgy of the church. And it shall be the duty of all such ministers and missionaries to examine the children in the catechism of the church, or in some other catechism approved by the bishop, or by the standing committee if there is no bishop, as far as practicable, once a week, or on each Sunday that divine service is performed in any church or congregation under his care, during seven months in every year, to be designated by the minister at such period or periods of the year as may be most convenient for the assembling of the children. And it shall farther be the duty of all such ministers, at least four times in every year, to deliver a catechetical lecture on the subjects aforesaid, to the youth and others, giving previous notice thereof.

SEC. II. On notice being received by a minister or missionary from the bishop, of his intention to visit the parish or parishes of said minister or missionary, it shall be his duty to give notice thereof to his congregation or congregations, on their first meeting thereafter for public worship; and also, immediate notice thereof to the members individually, as opportunity may offer. He shall also, on said occasion of public worship, invite the children of due age, and others not confirmed, to advise with him concerning their coming to that holy ordinance; and he shall diligently and faithfully prepare them for the same. And he shall be ready to present for confirmation those who shall have

been previously instructed and prepared; and shall deliver to the bishop, a list of the names of those presented.

Sec. III. Every minister of a parish shall encourage the formation of Sunday schools, and the efficient prosecution of instruction in them, in conformity with the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church. And he shall report the number of scholars and teachers in his annual parochial report.

Canon XII.

Of Parochial Visiting.

Sec. I. Every minister of a parish or parishes in this diocese, shall statedly visit each and every family of his parish or parishes, by calling at their residences respectively, at least once in every year, unless he be prevented by sickness; and he shall report to the bishop before or at every convention, whether he has performed this duty.

Sec. II. Every minister of a parish or parishes in this diocese shall visit frequently every sick person of his parish or parishes, of whose sickness he may be in any way informed, and also every sick member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, sojourning in his neighbourhood; and he shall be diligent, faithful, and tender, in instruction and admonition and prayer with them, till their recovery or death.

Sec. III. Every such minister shall visit those persons or families of his parish or parishes, and sojourners belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, whom he may know in any way to be under calamity or affliction, and shall tenderly administer to them christian instruction and consolation.

Sec. IV. Every missionary in this diocese shall faithfully fulfil this canon, as far as is consistent with his travelling duties.

Canon XIII.

Of Churches, or Houses of Worship.

Consistency requires that houses consecrated and set apart for the worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and ceremonies of this church, should not be used for purposes merely secular, and not connected with her proper concerns, or interests; and that public worship therein should be performed according to her authorized services, and by ministers recognised by her canons, and subject to her order and discipline.

Canon XIV.

Of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, and of Parochial Reports.

Sec. I. Each clergyman shall keep an account of all the baptisms, marriages and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry, specifying the name and date of the birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents, the name of the adult baptized, the names of the parties married, and the name of the person buried; and also, the time when each rite was performed.

Sec. II. These entries shall, by the minister, or, if so ordered by the vestry, by the clerk or sexton of the church, be recorded in a suitable book, to be provided by the vestry, which shall be the Church Register, and shall belong to, and remain with the vestry, as a part of the church records. And the minister of each parish shall also keep a list of all the communicants within his cure, as nearly as they can be

ascertained; and also, a list of the persons confirmed from time to time, by the bishop.

Sec. III. Every minister of a parish, or parishes, in this diocese, shall present or forward, at every annual convention, to the bishop, or if there be no bishop, to the president of the convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and persons confirmed, in his parish or parishes severally, since the last like report; and also, of the number of the communicants, distinguishing the additions, removals, and deaths, since the last report; also, he shall declare whether he has visited all the families of his parish, or parishes, within the last year, according to canon xii. sec. i.; also, he shall add a statement of all other matters of fact, that may throw light on the state of his parish, or parishes.

Sec. IV. These parochial reports shall be read in the convention; and all the specifications of baptisms, marriages, funerals, persons confirmed, and communicants, and the statements of other matters of fact contained in them, as also the fact of his having visited, or not visited, all the families of his parish or parishes, shall be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

Canon XV.

Of the evidence of the appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention.

The appointment of lay deputies to the convention of this diocese shall be certified in writing by a warden, or two vestrymen, of the proper church; and the certificate shall state, that the deputy, or each deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one, is, and has also been for not less than six months before the time of his election, a worshipper in the church or parish he is deputed to represent. And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any lay deputy or deputies to the convention of this diocese shall be allowed or received. A copy of this canon shall be annually sent, by the secretary of the convention, to every church in this diocese, with the notice of the meeting of the convention.

Canon XVI.

A list to be made of the Ministers in this diocese.

Sec. I. Within one week before the meeting of every convention of this diocese, the bishop shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or of their stations as missionaries, or of the colleges, academies, or other seminaries of learning, incorporated, in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions, or institutions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as hereinafter mentioned, shall be laid before the convention on the first day of meeting, and be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the secretary of every general convention.

Sec. II. The list of the clergy of this diocese, so prepared by the bishop, and by him amended, according to the changes that may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admissions into, this diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure, or mission, or engagement in some seminary of general learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

Sec. III. The right of any clergyman of this diocese to a seat in the convention shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

Sec. IV. The bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of ministers into this diocese, as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed on by persons pretending to be authorized ministers of this church. And his certificate shall be the evidence of such admission.

Sec. V. It shall be the duty of the clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every convention. At the opening of the convention their names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and at the ensuing convention these shall be required to give excuses for their absence; or if they continue absent, they shall send their excuses in writing: and if the excuse be deemed insufficient, or be entirely omitted, either shall be a good cause for presentment.

Canon XVII.

Of the admission of a Church or Congregation into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese.

Sec. I. To entitle a church or congregation to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the convention the original articles of association; or if incorporated, their original charter, or a copy thereof duly authenticated, according to law: and that it shall appear therein, that such church or congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this diocese: and it shall appear further, that the said act of association, or charter, has been submitted to the bishop and standing committee, and by them respectively approved; or if the approbation of either the bishop or standing committee, or both, is withheld, he or they shall report to the convention, with the articles of association, or charter, the reasons of his or their disapprobation.

Sec. II. The convention shall refer the whole matter and documents of cases of this kind, to a committee of three clerical and three lay members of the same, to be appointed as soon after the organizing of the convention as conveniently may be, who shall make report thereon to the convention for its final determination. Provided always, that the convention shall not admit into union with this diocese, any church or congregation which does not expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese.

Canon XVIII.

Of supplying Vacant Congregations.

Sec. I. At every stated convention, a committee of three clerical and three lay members shall be appointed by ballot, who, in concurrence with the bishop, or, in case of a vacancy, of the president of the standing committee, shall take order for supplying vacant congregations with occasional services; it being expected that the congregations so supplied will defray the expenses incident to such services. And it shall be the duty of the clergy, whether with or without parochial cures, having

in the former case the consent of their proper vestries, to comply with the requisitions of the said committee in this behalf. And the committee shall report to every stated convention an account of their proceedings.

Sec. II. When a parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the vestry to give notice thereof to the bishop, or if there is no bishop, to the president of the standing committee, forthwith.

Canon XIX.

Of preparing a report of the state of the Church in this diocese.

A committee of the convention shall be appointed at the stated meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the general convention, to draught, with the advice and approbation of the bishop, a report of the state of the church in this diocese, to be presented to the general convention.

Canon XX.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

Sec. I. Deputies to the general convention shall be chosen by the concurrent ballot of the clergy and lay votes, at every stated convention of this diocese; and their appointment shall continue until the next stated convention, and until others are chosen in their places.

Sec. II. Should a vacancy occur by death, or otherwise, in the deputation to the general convention, it shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical and lay deputies.

Revised Regulations, &c.

I.

Of the opening of the Convention, &c.

1. No business shall be transacted on the day appointed for the meeting of the convention, except what appertains to its being duly organized.

2. On the following day it shall proceed in the despatch of business, when there shall be divine service, the administration of the holy communion, and a sermon by one of the presbyters, to be appointed to this office by the bishop, which shall give place when the bishop delivers a sermon, or charge.

3. A sermon preached at the opening of the convention shall be at its entire disposal, to be published by its order, but not otherwise.

4. The following shall be the rules of order in the proceedings, viz. (the rules of order on p. 23 and 24 of the pamphlet published by order of convention in 1825.)

II.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

1. A secretary shall be chosen at every convention, by ballot, after viva voce nominations of the candidates. In case but one is put in nomination, the balloting shall be dispensed with. His office and duties shall continue until the meeting of the next annual convention, and until his successor is chosen.

2. He shall give not less than one month's written notice of the time

(the day and hour) appointed for the meeting of the convention, to every clergyman within the diocese, entitled to a seat, according to a list, to be furnished by the bishop; and, as far as is practicable, he shall give a similar notice to the churchwardens and vestrymen of every vacant congregation. And such notice shall be accompanied with a form of the certificate of the appointment of lay deputies.

3. On the printing of any pastoral letter of the house of bishops, he shall transmit the same to the clergy and to vacant churches, to be read to the congregations on some occasion of public worship, and also for general perusal by the members of the church, under such reasonable regulations as expediency may require.

4. He shall transmit annually to each of the bishops, and to the secretary of every diocesan convention, a copy of the journal.

5. He shall also transmit to every general convention a certificate, to be signed by himself, or by the president of the convention of this diocese, containing a list of the clergymen in this diocese, and the amount of funds paid or secured to be paid, (distinguishing them) to the General Theological Seminary, together with the nomination of trustees of that seminary: and also, a like certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay deputies.

6. Besides the duties before specified, he shall perform all others usually appertaining to the office of secretary, or enjoined on him by the convention.

III.

Of the Treasurer of the Convention, and of a Treasurer of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

1. At every stated convention there shall be chosen by ballot a treasurer of the convention, and a treasurer of the fund for the support of the episcopate, who shall respectively remain in office until the next stated convention, and until successors are appointed. Their accounts shall be closed on the Tuesday preceding the day appointed for its meeting, and submitted to the standing committee, who shall examine, and report thereon to the convention.

2. In case of vacancy in either of these offices, or that of secretary, it shall be supplied by the standing committee.

3. The treasurer of the convention shall forward to the secretary of the house of clerical and lay deputies of the general convention, at every meeting thereof, seventy-five cents for each clergyman of this diocese, towards the necessary expenses of said convention.

IV.

Of the contributions for defraying the expenses incurred or authorized by the Convention.

The churches shall contribute annually for this purpose, by payments to be made at or before each stated convention, to the treasurer thereof: each of the churches in Philadelphia, and other cities, twenty dollars; and others, five dollars each. The contributions thus raised shall be applied to the expenses incurred, or authorized by the convention.

V.

Recommending the Incorporation of Churches.

1. It is recommended that all the churches in this diocese should be incorporated, according to law, and that in all cases where charters

have not been obtained, applications be made to the judges of the supreme court.

2. In order that such charters may conform to the essential principles of the church, as regards doctrine, discipline, and worship, it is further recommended that they shall, before application to the judges, be laid before the bishop and standing committee, for their examination and approbation; and in order to obtain as much uniformity in this behalf as local circumstances will admit, the following form of charter is recommended. (The same form that is published in the Church Register of March 24, 1827.)

VI.

Of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

1. It is enjoined as the duty of every settled clergyman, once in every year, to preach a sermon on the episcopal office, or on the apostolic succession, or on such other subject as to him shall seem best adapted to recommend this fund to support and patronage.

2. On every such occasion a contribution shall be received, for the sole and express purpose of making provision for the support of the episcopate.

3. The money so collected shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the fund, who shall keep an account of all monies received, and report at every stated convention.

4. At every stated convention the clergy respectively shall report at what time they performed the duty hereinbefore enjoined, and the amount of the contribution made in their respective churches.

5. The income of the said fund shall be exclusively appropriated for the use of the bishop who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese.

VII.

Of Vacant Churches.

It is earnestly recommended, that in every instance where a church is unprovided with a pastor, a standing subscription shall be prepared, which, with the pew-rents, after defraying necessary repairs, shall be set apart as a fund for the support of a pastor, when duly elected and settled; and the profits and rents of glebes, so far as is consistent with the will of the donors, shall be applied in like manner, the capital and accumulating interest to be invested from time to time in public or good land securities.

VIII.

Of the African Church of St. Thomas.

It is hereby declared that the African Church of St. Thomas is not entitled to send a clergyman or deputies to the convention, or to interfere with the general government of the church, this condition being made in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of such church, at present.—*Journal, June*, 1795.

Resolutions.

In convention, May, 1829. The five following resolutions of former conventions, relative to sundry institutions connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, are ordered to be published with the canons and regulations.

I.

Of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. Established A. D. 1812.

The constitution of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania having been read, it was unanimously resolved, that this convention have received with much pleasure, information of the establishment of said society, that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution, and promise to co-operate with them in promoting their pious and benevolent designs.—*Journal, May,* 1812.

II.

Of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Established A. D. 1820.

This convention heartily approves the pious design of the general convention in the formation of said society for missionary purposes, and hereby recommends to all the churches in this diocese, to further, by their contributions and their prayers, an object so immediately connected with the prosperity of the Episcopal Church in this country, and the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom abroad.—*Journal, May,* 1822.

III.

Of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Established A. D. 1817.

This convention concurring with their venerable bishop in the interest which he has expressed upon the subject of the General Theological Seminary, do heartily recommend that institution to the zealous support and fostering care of episcopalians throughout this diocese, as being an important mean, under Divine Providence, of supplying a learned and efficient ministry for the promulgation of the doctrines and the preservation of the worship and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church.—*Journal, May,* 1824.

IV.

Of the Corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is recommended to the vestries of churches throughout the state to consider the expediency of making provision for securing to the families of their respective ministers the benefit of the funds in the hands of "The corporation for the relief," &c. &c. by paying in their behalf the annual contributions required by the constitution of that society.—*Journal, May,* 1825.

V.

Of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

This convention highly approves of the formation of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union at the meeting of the General Convention in 1826, and heartily recommends it to the support and patronage of the members of the church in this diocese.—*Journal, May,* 1828.

The report was laid on the table.

Mr. *Hobart* presented the charter of Christ church, in the borough of Pottstown, which was on motion *Ordered* to be referred, together with all charters which may be presented during the sittings of this Convention, to the committee to which was referred the certificates of the lay deputies from Christ church, Danville.

On motion of Mr. *S. J. Robbins*, the resolution attached to the report of the committee on the certificates of the deputies from St. Thomas's, Morgantown, and St. Paul's, Chester, was considered and adopted.*

The Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, from the committee on unfinished business of last Convention, reported:

"That the amendments to the constitution passed at the last Convention, the report of the committee on the canons of the diocese, and the communication of the General Convention touching certain alterations in the rubrics and liturgy, form the only subjects referred to the consideration of this Convention."

Which was laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, the minutes of the standing committee were read by their Secretary, the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Bull*, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Right Rev. Bishop *Chase*, now on a visit to this city, be invited to attend the deliberations of this Convention.

Whereupon the Right Rev. *Philander Chase*, D. D. Bishop of the diocese of Ohio, attended the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the report of the treasurer of the Convention fund relative to the arrears due to that fund, be referred to Messrs. *W. J. Bell*, *Stevenson*, and *Conyngham*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the communication from the General Convention respecting the proposed alterations of the liturgy:

When the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins* offered the following preamble and resolution;—

Whereas the last General Convention directed to be communicated to this Convention, certain alterations in the liturgy and rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is not expedient to make the said alterations, or any of them. But that the preface to the confirmation service therein proposed, to be used at discretion, instead of the present, is worthy of adoption:

* See Page 22.

Which being under consideration, a motion was made by Mr. *Lowber*, to postpone the same for the purpose of introducing the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient that this Convention should express any opinion in relation to the proposed alterations of the liturgy.

And on the question, will the Convention agree to postpone the resolution for the purpose of introducing the substitute, it was determined in the affirmative.

The substitute being under consideration, a motion was made by Mr. *Riley*, that the same be indefinitely postponed, which motion was subsequently withdrawn; when the Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,
May 21st, 1829, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. *George Mintzer*, deacon, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

A certificate of the appointment of lay deputies from St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county, was presented, which was, on motion, referred to Mr. *Meredith*, Mr. *Reed*, and Mr. *S. J. Robbins*.

Mr. *Meredith* from the committe to which was referred the certificate of appointment of a delegate from the church at Georgetown, Beaver county, made the following report:

"The committee to which the certificate presented by Mr. Thomas Foster, as a deputy of Georgetown church, was referred, reports:

"That the certificate is free from exception as regards form, certified by a warden and two vestry-men, and the only question known to arise in the case is, whether this church is in union with the Protestant Episcopal church, so as to be entitled to be represented in this body.

"The Convention of 1812 appointed a committee, the late Dr. *Andrews*, and the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, then its Secretary, 'for the purpose of making out an accurate list of all the clergy and congregations in this state,' in order to its being published in the Journal.

"At the Convention of 1813, Dr. *Andrews* having, in the meanwhile, died, a new committee of three clerical and two lay members was appointed for the same purpose, and this committee reported an accurate list of the clergy and congregations to the Convention of 1814, 'which was ordered to be inserted in the Appendix to the Journal; and your committee

find on this list, 'Georgetown, Beaver county.' This church does not appear in the lists published since, nor is it known to have been represented in this body; yet having been once recognised by the authority of the Convention in a manner which is marked with more than usual caution, and nothing appearing to show either error in this proceeding, or a withdrawal or separation of the church, the committee are of opinion, that it must be considered to be in union, and that the present deputy is entitled to a seat.

"The following resolution is accordingly submitted.

"*Resolved*, That Mr. *Thomas Foster* is entitled to a seat in this Convention as a deputy from Georgetown church.

W. Meredith.
John Reed.

May 21*st*, 1829."

And on the question, will the Convention adopt the resolution attached to the report, the yeas and nays having been required, were as follows:

Yeas 147, nays 3.

So the question was determined in the affirmative, and Mr. *Thomas Foster*, a lay deputy from the church in Georgetown, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. *William C. Mead*, rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. *Keim* and Mr. *Richards*, lay deputies from Christ church, Reading, appeared and took their seats.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the substitute offered yesterday by Mr. *Lowber*, for the resolution of Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, relative to alterations in the liturgy.

And on the question will the Convention adopt the substitute,

A motion was made by Mr. *Reed*, to postpone the question, together with the substitute, indefinitely.

And on the question will the Convention agree to the indefinite postponement, the yeas and nays having been required, were as follows;—

Yeas.—Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Abercrombie, Beasley, Wilson, Montgomery, Bull, Kemper, Clarkson, Clay, Boyd, Sheets, Cooper, Reynolds, Weller, Spencer, C. Smith, Dupuy, Douglass, Brincklé, Rodney, De Lancey, Rutledge, Jaquett, Sitgreaves, Morgan, B. Smith, Vanpelt, Allen, Bowman, Piggot, Page, Clemson, Bryant, Whitehouse, Connelly, B. Hutchins, Hilton, Adderly, Laird, Chambers, Kirk, Mintzer, Glover, Marks. Messrs. Binney, Nicklin, Tryon, Meredith, Miller, Percival, Hale, Lowber, Carter, Hobart, Keim,

Richards, E. Evans, Casselberry, Bean, Lardner, Green, Overington, Lightner, Baker, Beardsley, Brincklé, Bell, Hazlehurst, Chapman, Donaldson, J. Shay, T. Shay, Harding, Story, Stotesberry, Peters, Breck, Reed, E. Stiles, B. Stiles, Gaulagher, Conyngham, Rodman, Fahnestock, Swisher, T. Brinton, Bullock, Petriken, Hubbs, Pechin, Farr, Wallace, Shattuck, Dick, St. Clair, B. Evans, Wade, Holstein, Bagshaw, Plumbe, Becket, Wiltberger, Chew, Stokes, Ashmead, Cox, Ashton, Hoffman, Hudson, Mitchell, Brooke, Dehaven, Russell, Ubil, Baker, Morgan, Scott, Drake, Davis, Charlton, Norton, Horton, Hunter, C. Pearce, Phillips, Dr. Douglass, T. Forster.—129.

Nays.—Rev. Messrs. Wiltbank, Hopkins, Nash, De Pui, Carter, May, Hicks, Rees. Messrs. Hamm, S. J. Robbins, Kinsman, Claxton, Quinan, Clayland, Riley, M'Kinley, Robinson, Larkin, Ellmaker, T. Robins, Smith, J. C. Evans, Hibbs, M'Carty, Frederick, Ralston, G. Douglass, L. G. Pearce.—28.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. *Meredith*, from the committee to which was referred the certificate of appointment of lay deputies from St. Paul's church, Chester, reported:

That the certificate was dated the 20th of May, 1829, and was duly signed, in conformity to the requisitions of the church in this diocese; and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That *John K. Zeilin*, *Samuel A. Price*, and *John Robbins*, deputies from St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county, are entitled to seats in this Convention.

Whereupon Mr. *Zeilin*, a lay deputy from St. Paul's church, Chester, appeared and took his seat.

A motion was made by Mr. *Binney*, to take up for consideration the proposition to amend the constitution, approved at the last Convention;

Which was agreed to.

The following resolution was then offered by Mr. *Binney*;

Resolved, That this Convention do approve of the amendments of the constitution, proposed and approved in the last Convention of the church in this state:

And on the question, will the Convention adopt the resolution, the vote being taken by orders, and the yeas and nays called, were as follows:—

CLERGY.

Yeas.—Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Abercrombie, Beasley, Wilson, Montgomery, Kemper, Clarkson, Clay, Boyd, Sheets,

Cooper, Reynolds, Weller, Spencer, C. Smith, Rodney, De Lancey, Rutledge, Sitgreaves, B. Smith, Hopkins, Bowman, Mead, Page, Bryant, Whitehouse, Connelly, B. Hutchins, Hilton, Adderly, Laird, Chambers, Carter, Glover, Marks.—38.

Nays.—Reverend Messrs. Bull, Bedell, Dupuy, Douglass, Brincklé, Morgan, Vanpelt, Allen, Piggot, Nash, De Pui, Clemson, May, Kirk, Hicks, Mintzer, Rees.—17.

LAITY.

Yeas.—Messrs. Binney, Nicklin, Tryon, Meredith, Miller, Percival, Hale, Lowber, Carter, Hobart, Keim, Richards, E. Evans, Casselberry, Bean, Lardner, Green, Overington, Beardsley, Bell, Hazlehurst, Chapman, Donaldson, J. Shay, T. Shay, Harding, Story, Stotesberry, Ingersoll, Peters, Breck, Reed, E. Stiles, B. Stiles, Gaulagher, Conyngham, Rodman, Fahnestock, Petriken, Wallace, Shattuck, Dick, Clayland, St. Clair, B. Evans, Wade, Holstein, Bagshaw, Plumbe, Becket, Wiltberger, Chew, Stokes, Ashmead, Cox, Ashton, Hoffman, Mitchell, Scott, Drake, M'Carty, Frederick, T. Forster.—63.

Nays.—Messrs. Lightner, Baker, Hamm, S. J. Robbins, Brincklé, T. Brinton, Bullock, Kinsman, Hubbs, Claxton, Pechin, Farr, Quinan, Riley, M'Kinley, Robinson, Larkin, Goodly, Hudson, Ellmaker, T. Robins, Brooke, Dehaven, Smith, Russell, Ubil, Baker, Morgan, J. C. Evans, Hibbs, Davis, Charlton, Norton, Horton, Hunter, C. Pearce, Ralston, Phillips, G. Douglass, Dr. Douglass, L. G. Pearce, Zeilin. —42.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, *Ordered*, that the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, Rev. Mr. *Weller*, and the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, be a committee to inquire and report the number of trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this diocese is entitled.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,
May 21st, 1829, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the morning were read and approved.

The Rev. *C. Smith* obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. *Petriken*, the Convention proceeded to the

consideration of the report of the Committee relative to the canons.*

And the first section of the first canon was agreed to.

A motion was then made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, to postpone the further consideration of the first canon until to-morrow morning;

And the question being taken by orders, and the yeas and nays called, were as follows:—

CLERGY.

YEAS.—Reverend Messrs. Bedell, Boyd, Dupuy, Douglass, Brinckle, Jaquett, Sitgreaves, Morgan, B. Smith, Vanpelt, Allen, Hopkins, Bowman, Carter, May, Hicks, Mintzer, Rees, Marks.—20.

NAYS.—Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Abercrombie, Beasley, Wilson, Montgomery, Kemper, Clarkson, Clay, Sheets, Cooper, Reynolds, Weller, Spencer, C. Smith, Rodney, De Lancey, Rutledge, Nash, Page, Clemson, Bryant, Whitehouse, Connelly, Hilton, Adderly, Laird, Kirk.—29.

So the question was determined in the negative.†

The second section of the first canon being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, to amend the same, by inserting after "commissary," in the 11th line, "which commissary shall be at least twenty-six years of age, learned in the canon law and the rules of evidence which relate to the church in the United States, as likewise well affected and zealously bent to religion, touching whose life and manner no evil example is to be had, and he shall also take an oath to do justice."

The amendment being under consideration, the Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,
May 22nd, 1829, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. *John Rodney*, jun., rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

* See page 24 for this report.

† The calling of the yeas and nays of the laity was, by direction of the Convention, dispensed with in this case, since the vote being by orders, and the order of the clergy having *negatived* the motion, the lay vote could not have changed the result, the concurrence of both orders being necessary to carry the motion.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the committee relative to the canons.

The second section of the first canon being again under consideration, and the amendment recurring, the same was withdrawn.

A motion was then made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, to amend the second section by adding thereto these words: "Provided, nevertheless, that before the trial, the commissary shall issue a citation with reasonable notice to the respective witnesses, to attend at the time and place of trial; and in case of their personal attendance, their testimony may, at the request of the party presenting, or party accused, or by order of the commissary and assessors, be taken anew orally, and reduced to writing again; but the non-attendance of the respective witnesses, shall not in any case be a ground for refusing to read such depositions as have been duly taken;"

Which was agreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. *Petriken*, further to amend the section by adding thereto these words:

"And provided, also, that if the party accused desires it, the examination of witnesses and trial shall be in public, and that said party shall be entitled to a copy of the evidence if he requires it;"

Which was agreed to.

And the second section as amended, was agreed to.

The third section being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, to amend the same by adding thereto these words: "by and with the advice and consent of the standing committee;"

Which was disagreed to.

A motion was then made by the Rev. Mr. *B. Smith*, that the proposed canons, with the whole subject which they involve, be re-committed to the committee who reported them to this Convention, to report again at the next Convention;

Which was disagreed to: and the third section was agreed to.

The fourth section being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, to amend the same, by striking therefrom the words, from "aforesaid," in the third line, to "assessors," in the seventh line, inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof, these words:

"The bishop or commissary, at a place and on a day appointed, of which the parties accusing and accused shall have fifteen days' notice, and in the presence of the Standing Committee, and the parties, if they attend, shall select twenty-four names by lot, out of the names of all the Presbyters in the diocese; out of which the accused shall select six, or in case of refusal or neglect so to do, the Standing Committee shall

select six. And in case the accusing party shall not take exceptions to the persons so selected for any cause, which in the judgment of the Bishop or commissary, and the council of advice, shall seem reasonable and sufficient, then the six persons so chosen shall be the council of assessors."

And on the question, will the Convention agree so to amend, a division of the question was called for by Mr. *Binney*, to end with *striking out.*

And on the question, will the Convention agree to strike out, the yeas and nays being called, were as follows:—

YEAS.—Rev. Messrs. Montgomery, Bull, Kemper, Boyd, Cooper, Dupuy, Douglass, Brincklé, Sitgreaves, Morgan, B. Smith, Allen, Hopkins, Bowman, Piggot, Nash, Clemson, Bryant, Whitehouse, Chambers, Carter, Kirk, Hicks, Mintzer. Messrs. Lightner, Petriken, Kinsman, Claxton, Pechin, Farr, Quinan, Clayland, Riley, Hoffman, Goodly, Sheaff, Hudson, T. Robins, Brooke, Dehaven, Smith, Russel, Ubil, Baker, Morgan, J. C. Evans, Hibbs, Davis, M'Carty, Charlton, Norton, Hunter, Zeilin.—53.

NAYS.—Right Rev. Bishop White, Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Abercrombie, Beasley, Wilson, Clarkson, Sheets, Reynolds, Weller, Spencer, Rodney, De Lancey, Page, Connelly, B. Hutchins, Hilton, Adderly, Laird, Glover, Marks. Messrs. Binney, Nicklin, Tryon, Meredith, Miller, Percival, Hale, Lowber, Carter, Hobart, Richards, E. Evans, Casselberry, Bean, Lardner, Green, Overington, Beardsley, Bell, Hazlehurst, Donaldson, Story, Stotesberry, Breck, Reed, E. Stiles, B. Stiles, Gaulagher, Conyngham, Rodman, Fahnestock, Hubbs, Wallace, Shattuck, Dick, St. Clair, B. Evans, Wade, Bagshaw, Plumbe, Becket, Wiltberger, Chew, Stokes, Ashmead, Cox, Ashton, Mitchell, Scott, Drake, T. Forster.—Nays 73.

So the question was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. *Petriken*, to amend the section, by striking from the third line, "bishop," and inserting "standing committee;" which was agreed to. A motion was then made by Mr. *Petriken*, further to amend the section, by striking from the third line, "eight," and inserting in lieu thereof, "twelve," and by striking from the fifth line, "two," and inserting in lieu thereof, "four," and by striking from the sixth line, "two," and inserting in lieu thereof, "four."

And on the question, will the Convention agree so to amend, a division of the question was called for by Mr. *Binney*, to end with *striking out.*

And on the question, will the Convention agree to strike out, the yeas and nays being required, were as follows:—

YEAS.—Rev. Messrs. Montgomery, Wiltbank, Bull, Bedell, Boyd, Cooper, Weller, Dupuy, Douglass, Brincklé, Rodney,

Rutledge, Morgan, B. Smith, Vanpelt, Allen, Hopkins, Bowman, Piggot, Nash, Clemson, Bryant, Whitehouse, Hilton, Adderly, Chambers, Carter, Kirk, Hicks, Mintzer, Marks. Messrs. Lightner, S. J. Robbins, Donaldson, Reed, B. Stiles, Petriken, Claxton, Pechin, Quinan, Clayland, Bagshaw, Plumbe, Wiltberger, Riley, Hoffman, Larkin, Goodly, Sheaff, Hudson, Brooke, Dehaven, Smith, Russel, Ubil, Baker, Morgan, J. C. Evans, Hibbs, Davis, M'Carty, Charlton, Norton, Hunter, Zeilin.—65.

Nays.—Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Abercrombie, Beasley, Wilson, Kemper, Clarkson, Clay, Sheets, Reynolds, Spencer, De Lancey, Sitgreaves, Page, Connelly, Laird. Messrs. Binney, Nicklin, Tryon, Meredith, Miller, Percival, Hale, Carter, Hobart, Richards, E. Evans, Casselberry, Bean, Lardner, Green, Overington, Beardsley, Bell, Hazlehurst, Harding, Story, Stotesberry, Breck, E. Stiles, Gaulagher, Conyngham, Fahnestock, Kinsman, Hubbs, Wallace, Shattuck, Dick, St. Clair. B. Evans, Wade, Becket, Chew, Stokes, Ashmead, Cox, Ashton, Mitchell, Scott, Drake, T. Forster. —63.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

And on the question will the Convention agree to fill the blank in the third line with "twelve," and the blank in the fifth and sixth lines with "four;"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. *Petriken*, further to amend the section, by inserting after "days," in the ninth line, "written or printed;"

Which was agreed to.

A motion was then made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, further to amend the section, by inserting after "before," in the sixteenth line, these words;

"Provided, always, that the bishop shall preside upon the trial, unless by reason of bodily infirmity, consanguinity to the parties, or for any other cause approved by the council of advice, he shall deem it most fitting to delegate the office of presiding judge, to the commissary. And in questions of construction of laws or canons, and of order, and of evidence, arising during the trial, the bishop or his commissary shall decide;"

Which was disagreed to.

A motion was then made by Mr. *Breck* and the Rev. Mr. *Page*, of the majority, to re-consider the vote taken on striking from the third line, "bishop," and inserting in lieu thereof, "standing committee." And on the question, will the

Convention agree to re-consider the vote, the yeas and nays taken by orders, were as follows:—

CLERGY.

YEAS.—Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Beasley, Wilson, Clay, Reynolds, Weller, Spencer, De Lancey, Rutledge, Sitgreaves, Hopkins, Page, Connelly, Laird, Glover.—17.

NAYS.—Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Rev. Messrs. Abercrombie, Montgomery, Bull, Kemper, Clarkson, Bedell, Boyd, Sheets, Cooper, Dupuy, Douglass, Brincklé, Rodney, Morgan, B. Smith, Vanpelt, Allen, Bowman, Nash, De Pui, Clemson, Bryant, Whitehouse, B. Hutchins, Hilton, Adderly, Chambers, Carter, Kirk, Hicks, Mintzer, Marks.—33.

So the question was decided in the negative.* And the fourth section, as amended, was agreed to. The fifth section was agreed to. The sixth section being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*, to amend the same by inserting after "assessors," in the fourteenth line, these words, "or on account of error in their judgment, either in law or fact:" Which was agreed to. And the section, as amended, was agreed to. The seventh section was agreed to. And the first canon as amended, was agreed to.

The *second* canon being under consideration, a motion was made by the Right. Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk*, to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present:

Which was agreed to.

The first section of the *third* canon being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, to amend the same by striking from the second line, "a majority," and inserting in lieu thereof, "two-thirds." Which was disagreed to. And on the question will the Convention agree to the section, the yeas and nays being taken, were as follows:—

YEAS.—Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, J. Hutchins, Beasley, Wilson, Montgomery, Bull, Kemper, Clarkson, Clay, Boyd, Sheets, Cooper, Reynolds, Weller, Spencer, Rodney, De Lancey, Rutledge, Hopkins, Bowman, Page, De Pui, Bryant, Connelly, Adderly, Chambers, Carter, Hicks, Mintzer, Glover, Marks. Messrs. Binney, Nicklin, Tryon, Meredith, Miller, Percival, Hale, Lowber, Hobart, Lardner, Overington, Lightner, Beardsley, S. J. Robbins, Bell, Hazlehurst, Chapman, Donaldson, Harding, Story, Stotesberry, Breck, Reed, E. Stiles, B. Stiles, Gaulagher, Conyngham, Rodman, Fahnestock, Swisher, Hubbs, Wallace, Shattuck, Dick, Quinan, Clayland, St. Clair, Bagshaw, Becket, Wiltberger, Chew, Stokes, Ashmead, Cox, Hoff-

* See note on page 47.

man, Hudson, Brooke, Ubil, Scott, Drake, Hibbs, Davis, M'Carty, Norton, T. Forster, Zeilin.—90.

Nays.—Rev. Messrs. Nash, B. Hutchins, Hilton, Laird. Messrs. Casselberry, Petriken, Plumbe, Smith, Russell.—9.

So the question was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. *Lowber*, from the committee appointed on the subject, made the following report:

"The committee to whom have been referred the claims of certain gentlemen to seats in this Convention, as deputies from Christ church, Danville, and of certain congregations to be admitted into this church, report,

That owing to a mistake, the charter or act of association of the church at Danville, has not been submitted to the bishop and standing committee, and therefore the congregation has not been, and cannot now be admitted into connexion with the church, and their deputies cannot be admitted to seats.

The charters or acts of association of Christ church, Pottstown, St. Peter's church, Blairsville, and St. Paul's church, Kittanning, have been submitted to the bishop and standing committee, and are believed to be in substantial conformity with the requisitions of the canon of 1821.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Christ church, Pottstown, St. Peter's church, Blairsville, and St. Paul's church, Kittanning, be admitted into the Protestant Episcopal church of the state of Pennsylvania.

2. *Resolved*, That the gentlemen who claim seats in this Convention, as deputies from Christ church, Danville, are not entitled to such seats; but that they are hereby invited to attend the deliberations of this Convention.

The committee further report, that the paper which has been submitted as the ground of a claim on the part of the church of St. John the Evangelist, at Bellefonte, to admission into the church, is neither the original, nor a certified copy of the articles of association or charter of incorporation, as required by the canon of 1821, and the church is therefore not at present entitled to admission.

3. *Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the application of the church of St. John the Evangelist, at Bellefonte.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John C. Lowber, } Committee.
Jackson Kemper, }

May 22nd, 1829."

And the second resolution attached to the report, was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,
May 22nd, 1829, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the morning were read and approved.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the committee relative to the canons, and the second section of the *third* canon recurring, was considered and agreed to. The remaining sections were agreed to, and the third canon was agreed to.

On motion of the Right Reverend Bishop *Onderdonk*, the Convention resumed the consideration of the *second* canon, and the first, second, and third sections were disagreed to. The fourth section being under consideration, a motion was made by the Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk*, to amend the same by striking from the first line, "so," and by inserting after "communion," in the same line, "according to the rubric." And by inserting after "allege," the words, "to the bishop," and by striking from the second and third lines, these words, "or that the provisions herein contained have been violated or disregarded," and by striking from the tenth line these words, "according to the fifth section of this canon," and by striking from the twelfth line, "presbyter or presbyters," and inserting in lieu thereof, "minister," and by striking from the seventeenth line, "eight," and inserting in lieu thereof, "twelve," and by striking from the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth lines, the word "two," and inserting in lieu thereof, "four,"and by striking from the twenty-seventh line, the words "and the provisions of this canon," and by striking from the thirty-third line, "presbyter or presbyters," and inserting in lieu thereof, "ministers:"

Which was agreed to.

And the section as amended, was agreed to.

The remaining sections were disagreed to, and the canon as amended, was agreed to; the title being amended, so as to read "of the proceedings to the trial of a layman after repul sion by the minister from the Holy Communion."

The *fourth* canon was agreed to. The *fifth* canon being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, to amend the same by striking from the eleventh line, "three," and inserting in lieu thereof, "twelve;" which was agreed to. And the section, as amended, was agreed to. The second and third sections were agreed to, and the canon as amended, was agreed to.

The *sixth* canon being under consideration, the first, second, and third sections were agreed to. The fourth section being

under consideration, a motion was made by the Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk,* to amend the same by striking therefrom the words following "rubric," in the third line: Which was agreed to. And the section, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion, the fifth section was indefinitely postponed.

The sixth section was agreed to, being amended, by striking out from the word, "removed," in the ninth line, the words to the word, "church," in the eleventh line, inclusive. The seventh, eighth, and ninth sections were agreed to, and the canon, as amended, was agreed to. The *seventh* canon was agreed to. The *eighth* canon was agreed to. The *ninth* canon was agreed to. The *tenth* canon was agreed to. The *first* section of the *eleventh* canon, was, on motion, indefinitely postponed. The second and third sections were agreed to: and the canon, as amended, was agreed to. The *twelfth* canon was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. *Riley*, the *thirteenth* canon was indefinitely postponed.

The *fourteenth* canon being under consideration, a motion was made by the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, to amend the first section by inserting after "parents," in the fourth line, "and sponsors," which was agreed to, and the section, as amended, was agreed to.

The second section was agreed to. The third section was agreed to, being amended by striking therefrom the words, from "reports," in the seventh line, to "sect. 1," in ninth line, inclusive.

The fourth section was agreed to, being amended by striking therefrom the words following "them," in the fourth line, to "parishes," in the fifth line, inclusive. And the canon, as amended, was agreed to; the number being altered so as to read Canon XII. The *remaining canons* were severally considered, and agreed to; the numbers being altered so as to read in this order: viz. Canon XIII—XIV—XV—XVI—XVII—XVIII.

The following additional canon was, on motion of Mr. *Binney*, agreed to.

Canon XIX.

All former canons passed by the Convention of this church, in this diocese, are hereby repealed.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia,
May 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The following resolution was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are most justly due to the committee on the constitution and canons, for the ability, assiduity, and zeal with which they have performed the arduous and important task confided to them.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented the Right Rev. the assistant bishop of this diocese, for the charge delivered by him at the opening of this Convention, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, from the committee appointed on the subject, made the following report:

"The committee appointed to inquire and report the number of trustees which this Convention is entitled to nominate for the General Theological Seminary, agreeably to the constitution thereof, report,

That this Convention is entitled, as a convention, to *one* trustee; as having sixty-five clergymen within its bounds, to *eight;* and as having contributed to the funds of the Seminary about six thousand dollars, to *three;* that this Convention is therefore entitled to elect, in the whole, *twelve* trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACKSON KEMPER,
GEORGE WELLER,
GEORGE BOYD.

May 23*d*, 1829."

Which was laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, from the committee to whom were referred the memorials from Pittsburgh, relative to the establishment of a Western Theological Seminary, made the following report.

"The committee to which was referred the memorial of sundry members of the church in Pittsburgh, on the subject of the organization of a Western Theological Seminary, report,

That in their opinion it is highly expedient to organize a Theological Seminary in the neighbourhood of Pittsburgh, for the supply of ministers to that portion of the diocese which lies west of the Allegheny mountain; and that, in their judgment, such an institution cannot justly be considered as interfering with the connexion at present existing between this diocese, and the General Theological Seminary in the diocese of New York. Inasmuch, however, as the organization of such

a seminary, to render it in the highest degree beneficial to the church, requires more time and consideration than can be conveniently given at the present Convention; and as the events of another year may enable the Convention to decide with more satisfaction upon the subject generally, the committee respectfully recommend the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient to establish a theological seminary in the neighbourhood of Pittsburg.

Resolved, That this subject, and particularly the organization of the seminary, be recommended to the early consideration of the next annual Convention of this state.

JOHN H. HOPKINS,
EDWARD RUTLEDGE,
W. H. DE LANCEY,
HORACE BINNEY,
JOHN REED."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Hopkins*, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions attached to the said report;

When, on motion of Mr. *Meredith*, seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk*, the same were adopted.

The secretary presented a communication from St. Luke's church, Pottsville, which was read, and, on motion, referred to the Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, Rev. Mr. *Sitgreaves*, and Rev. Mr. *Rodney*.

Mr. *Bell*, from the committee appointed on the subject, made the following report.

"The committee to whom was referred the subject of arrears, due by several churches, beg leave to report,

That on examination, they find due from the following, the sums affixed to their names, respectively: viz.

From Christ church,	Philadelphia, - -	$20 00
St. Peter's,	do. - - -	20 00
St. Paul's,	do. - - -	40 00
All Saints,	Lower Dublin township,	10 00
Trinity,	Oxford, - - -	5 00
St. John the Baptist's,	York, - -	40 00
Christ church,	Adams county, - -	70 00
St. Peter's,	Great Valley, - -	30 00
St. Gabriel's,	Amity township, Berks co.	45 00
St. Jas. the Greater's,	Bristol, - -	67 50
St. John's,	Concord, - -	65 00
St. Martin's,	Marcus Hook, - -	30 00
St. Paul's,	Chester, - - -	20 00
Bangor,	Churchtown, - -	25 00
St. Mary's,	East Nantmeal township,	25 00

From St. John's,	Pequea, - - -	50 00
St. James's,	Philadelphia, - -	20 00
St. John's,	Norristown, - -	11 00
Trinity,	Pittsburg, - -	35 00
St. Thomas's,	Whitemarsh, - -	35 00
Christ,	Leacock, - -	30 00
St. James's,	Muncey, - - -	45 00
St. John's,	Huntingdon, Huntingdon co.	45 00
St. Stephen's,	Wilkesbarre, - -	20 00
St. Mark's,	Mantua, - - -	15 00
St. John's,	New London, - -	25 00
St. Stephen's,	Philadelphia, - -	20 00
St. Andrew's,	do. - -	20 00
Christ,	Greensburg, - -	30 00
Christ,	Reading, - -	5 00
St. Thomas's,	Morgantown, - -	5 00
St. Mark's,	Mifflin county, - -	10 00
St. Matthew's,	Francisville, - -	20 00
Christ,	Brownsville, - -	20 00
Christ,	Madison, - -	15 00
St. Gabriel's,	Sugarloaf townsh. Columb. co.	15 00
St. Matthew's,	Pike, Bradford county, -	15 00
St. John's,	Franklin, Venango county,	15 00
St. Stephen's,	Thompson town, -	5 00
St. Jude's,	Springville, - -	15 00
St. Mark's,	New Milford, - -	15 00
St. Paul's,	Erie, - - -	10 00
Trinity,	Connelsville, - -	10 00
Trinity,	Philipsburgh, - -	10 00
Grace,	Manalen, - -	10 00
St. Peter's,	Butler, - -	10 00
St. James's,	Venango Furnace, -	10 00
St. Mary's,	Hamiltonville, - -	10 00
Zion,	Marietta, - -	10 00
St. Peter's,	Waterford, Erie, -	10 00
St. Peter's,	Washington county, -	10 00
St. John's,	Mercer county, -	10 00
Grace,	Philadelphia county, -	5 00
St. Matthew's,	Sunbury, - -	10 00
St. Paul's,	West Whiteland township,	5 00
		$1198 50

Amounting in the whole to the sum of eleven hundred and ninety-eight dollars, fifty cents.

This statement includes the contributions which became

due at the present meeting of the Convention, and the payments which have been received till this day.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer furnish an account to each congregation, showing the amount of arrears due, and request that the same may be liquidated on or before the next annual Convention.

WM. JNO. BELL,
REDMOND CONYNGHAM,
CORNELIUS STEVENSON,
} Committee.

Philadelphia, May 23d, 1829."

And on motion, the resolution attached to the report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. *Binney*, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the revised Regulations attached to the report of the committee on the Canons, which were adopted, with the following amendment to the third paragraph of the first regulation: "Episcopal Charges delivered before the Convention, shall be published by the same, without any motion in relation thereto."

The Resolutions attached to the report of the committee on the canons were on motion considered, and ordered to be published with the Canons and Regulations.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the secretary cause to be printed and distributed with the Journal, the Constitution as amended, and the Canons and Regulations adopted at this Convention.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, and Rev. Mr. *Clay*, be appointed a committee, in conjunction with the bishop, to prepare an account of the state of the church in this diocese, for the General Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the elections, which resulted as follows:

The following persons were elected the

STANDING COMMITTEE.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.	Cornelius Comegys,
Frederick Beasley, D. D.	Charles Wheeler,
James Montgomery, D. D.	James S. Smith,
W. H. De Lancey, D. D.	Wm. J. Bell,
Jackson Kemper.	Horace Binney.

The following persons were elected the

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. James Montgomery, D. D.	William Meredith,

Jackson Kemper,	Horace Binney,
Jehu C. Clay,	Edward J. Stiles,
John H. Hopkins.	Hon. David Scott.

The following persons were elected the

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Rev. George Weller,	Samuel Hazlehurst,
W. H. De Lancey, D. D.	Jesper Harding,
William C. Mead.	Lewis R. Ashurst.

Mr. *James S. Smith*, was re-elected treasurer of the episcopal fund.

Mr. *William J. Bell*, was re-elected treasurer of the Convention.

The following persons were elected

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. Beasley,	Hon. David Scott,
Dr. Montgomery,	Dr. P. Mowry,
Dr. De Lancey,	John Read, Esq.
John Rodney, jun.	William Meredith,
George Weller,	Hon. John Reed,
William C. Mead.	Daniel St. Clair.

The Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, from the committee on the memorial of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, made the following report:

"The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the church at Pottsville, to be admitted into union with this Convention, beg leave to report, that

The said church not having submitted to the standing committee, as required by canon, either articles of association, or a charter of incorporation, it cannot, in their opinion, at this time, be admitted into union with this Convention, and submit, therefore, the following resolutions;

Resolved, That the application of St. Luke's church, in the borough of Pottsville, to be admitted into union with this Convention, is informal; and therefore, that the prayer of their memorial ought not to be granted.

Resolved, That the delegate from said church, in attendance, be invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

JAMES MONTGOMERY,
S. SITGREAVES,
JNO. RODNEY.

Philadelphia, May 23d, 1829."

On motion, the resolutions attached to the report were adopted.

On motion, the Convention took up the first and third reso-

lutions attached to the report of the committee on the claims of deputies of Christ church, Danville, and on the application of certain congregations to be admitted into this church, and the resolutions were adopted.*

On motion of Mr. *Miller*, it was *Resolved*, That the next annual Convention be held in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1830, at six o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Bedell*, seconded by Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention view with great satisfaction the interest which appears to be awakening in all parts of our country, in favour of the Domestic and Foreign missionary operations of our church, and they earnestly recommend the General Missionary Society to the zealous support of the Episcopalians of this diocese.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were read.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. John T. Adderly, Deacon, Missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Philipsburgh, and Bellefonte, Centre county, and Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.

The missionary at Philipsburgh, Bellefonte, and Huntingdon, begs leave to report, that since he has been employed in the service of the society, he baptized nine infants, viz: eight at Huntingdon, and one at Philipsburgh. Having been but a short time at these places, it is out of his power to furnish a full account of the state of the congregations. At Philipsburgh there are about twenty communicants. On the whole, the prospects of the church in this village are very gratifying. He expects in a short time to see a church erected in that place.

The distance from Philipsburgh to Huntingdon being a journey of two days, and owing to infirm health, together with the state of the church in that place, he has thought proper to resign the station at Huntingdon. Concerning this congregation, he would further state, that it would require, in his opinion, a resident clergyman, who would be willing to devote to it nearly all of his time and attention.

As it respects Bellefonte, he would decline, at present, reporting.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, lately officiating in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms 28—marriages 13—funerals 49—communicants 284.

* See page 52.

In connexion with this church, there are four Sunday schools, one of them for coloured persons: two infant schools, one for coloured: two Bible classes, conducted by experienced members of the church, on the Lord's day. These are all in a flourishing state, and afford means of instruction in the gospel to upwards of five hundred persons, and are conducted by about forty teachers. The two Bible classes above mentioned, are very important means of improvement to those young persons who have passed through the usual course of instruction in Sunday schools, and are about preparing for the active duties of life. One is for males, and one for females. From these classes have already been drawn a number of teachers for the Sunday schools, and within the year past, they have furnished two members to our communion, and a number of others are now under deep exercises of mind on the subject of their salvation. Three of the Sunday school teachers have also made a profession since the last report.

Besides the regular duties of the Lord's day, and a lecture in the week, the officiating clergyman has attended during the year past, two Bible classes, one for the more immediate improvement of Sunday school teachers, and one for females: and a part of the time he has lectured to the children by means of the magic lantern. God has evidently blessed the humble means to the growth of Christians in grace, and to the establishment of peace, and hope, and joy, in a number of precious souls.

The Pilmore Society, conducted by females, connected with this church, have, within a few years past, afforded assistance to five young men while pursuing their studies for the gospel ministry.

A missionary society, conducted also by the females, has contributed the sum of two hundred and eighty-seven dollars to the Domestic Missionary cause, within the past year.

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Report of the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 13—children 22—total 35—marriages 9—funerals 13—confirmed 59—communicants, last reported, 159—left the country 2—left the city 5—transferred to Grace church 7—left from causes unknown 4—died 2—added 74—present number 213.

In making a report of the condition of the Sunday schools, the rector begs permission to give the following extract from his last annual discourse, as it presents the latest official intelligence:

"From the returns which have been officially made to me as rector, and therefore bound to have a general care and su-

perintendence over the whole concern, and responsible both to you and the ecclesiastical authority for the manner in which the whole is conducted, it appears that

I. In the Male Department.

School No.	1,	contains 74 scholars,	6 teachers,	
do.	2,	43 do.	4 do.	
do.	3,	156 do.	1 do.	(infant school.)
Bible class,		28 do.	1 do.	

II. In the Female Department.

Bible class No.	1,	contains 32 scholars,	1 teacher,	
do.	2,	15 do.	1 do.	
do.	3,	14 do.	1 do.	
School	1,	189 do.	16 do.	
do.	2,	55 do.	1 do.	(infant school.)
do.	3,	198 do.	15 do.	(coloured sch.

making a total of 804 scholars, under 47 teachers."

The rector feels it but just to the congregation to state, that the schools are supported with the utmost cheerfulness and liberality. The last congregational collection for this purpose amounted to $215.

The Bible class attached to this church, is at present united with that belonging to Grace church, and has been kindly taken charge of by the Rev. Mr. Smith, the lectures being given in the lecture room of St. Andrew's.

During the past year, the congregation has been blessed with one of those seasons, marked by "a revival of religious sensibility," which called for extraordinary exertions on the part of the rector, and for the space of about three months, he was visited by more than one hundred persons for the purpose of personal conversation on the subject of religion; and several times, for four or five days together, he has been engaged in this delightful occupation, from four to seven hours at a time. "It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." The result has been the addition of sixty-two to the communion of the church, besides twelve who have joined us from other churches. There are at this time about thirty whose minds are particularly directed to the subject of religion, ten of whom would have been added to the present list of communicants, had not the rector's severe illness for the last two months prevented their baptism and confirmation.

The public services of the church are attended with great regularity, as also the lectures, and other weekly meetings for religious exercises.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

During the past year there have been—Baptisms, 10 in-

fants—1 adult. Marriages 7. Funerals 7. At a recent visitation of Bishop Onderdonk, 10 persons were confirmed. The number of communicants about 50.

A society has been formed, auxiliary to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, which will contribute annually to the funds of the parent institution, about 80 dollars. A tract society, auxiliary to the Episcopal Female Tract Society of Philadelphia, has also been formed by the ladies of the congregation.

The Sunday school, numbering about 150, continues prosperous. A juvenile Bible class is attended to weekly. The annual collection for the Episcopal fund, amounting to $27,13, has been taken up as usual.

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Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, N. L. Philadelphia.

There are belonging to this congregation about *one hundred* families, and *seven hundred* persons in stated attendance upon a preached gospel. During the past year, *twenty-six* persons have been confirmed, *eighteen* of whom have been admitted to the holy communion, making the whole number of communicants *one hundred and fifty*. *Thirty-one* persons have been baptized, of whom *six* were adults, and *twenty-five* infants. The rector has married *eight* couple. There are two Sunday schools, containing about one hundred and sixty scholars, under the care of twenty-three teachers.

The present situation of the parish, and its prospects, are such as encourage the hope, that true religion is extending its influence and exerting its power among the people.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) Church, Newtown, Delaware County, and St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

St. David's Church, Radnor.

Baptisms, 1 infant—1 adult—communicants, added, 1—total 18—funerals 16—marriages 11.

St. Peter's Church, Great Valley.

Baptisms, infants, 2—adults 9—communicants, added, 13—total 20—funerals 13.

By the number added to the last mentioned church, it will be perceived that our labours have not been wholly without the Divine blessing. While we indulge in grateful thanksgivings to the Author of every good and every perfect gift, we would improve these manifestations to greater diligence

and faithfulness. In addition to my labours in my stated charge, a portion of my time (every other Sunday afternoon or night, according as were my appointments at the other churches,) has in the past year been devoted to the newly organized congregation of St. Paul's, West Whiteland. This congregation, it will be recollected, was admitted at the last Convention; since which they have, with very commendable zeal, erected, at an expense of about $3,000, a neat and commodious church edifice of stone, 43 feet by 60. It is situated on the Lancaster turnpike, at the 24 mile stone. The corner stone was laid in May last; and by appointment of the bishop, it is to be consecrated to the service of Almighty God on the 28th of the present month. May the "Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls" record his name there, and by his blessing upon his own appointments, "add to his church daily such as shall be saved."

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester County; Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster County; and St. Thomas's Church, Morgantown, Berks County.

Bangor Church.

Communicants, about 25—baptisms 8—funerals about 8.—A Sunday school, consisting of about 10 teachers and 40 scholars.

St. Thomas's Church.

Communicants about 60—baptisms 4, one of whom was an adult—funerals 15.

St. Mary's Church.

Communicants about 70—baptisms 11, two of whom were adults. Sunday Schools 2, composed of about 15 teachers and 70 scholars. Marriages solemnized by the rector 7.

Personal religion in my several charges, is in a state approaching to languor. A few in each of them still retain "their first love," and do "their first works." Too many, while they still adhere "to the form of sound words," and in the ordinary acceptation of the phrase, are moral in their conduct, afford but too many and too convincing proofs that religion with them is little else than profession. Many are worldly in their whole behaviour. And a few, having thrown off all restraint, plunge in all the excess of sin, and "work wickedness with greediness."

'Tis humiliating, indeed, for the rector to exhibit such a view of the people committed to his charge. The truth, however, must not be dissembled.

The rector, at first, looked abroad for the causes of such a state of things. He then looked at home, and all causes apart from himself, retired to the back ground, and then disappeared. The truth, as far as he is acquainted with it, has indeed been preached; but O! with how little unction! And with what feebleness of application! And how seldom with that energy which the vast importance of the message, and the untold value of the immortal souls entrusted to his care, demand! He is constrained to add, abasing as it may seem, that he has observed that a deficiency in heavenly mindedness, and often an unnecessary and hurtful conformity to the world, on his part, unite to retard the going forward and the prevailing of those truths, which are the power of God, to break in upon the strong holds of sin in the human heart, and set up there the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

P. S. A collection was taken in each of these churches for the Bishop's Fund.

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Report of the Rev. Lucius Carter, Deacon, Rector of St. James's Church, Muncey, Lycoming County, and Christ Church, Madison, Columbia County.

St. James's Church, Muncey, Lycoming County.

The prospects of this church are, at present, quite encouraging. The congregation is gradually assuming the appearance of a body of established and devout episcopalians. The unreasonable prejudices against our mode of worship, which have formerly prevailed in this section of the diocese, probably to a greater degree than in any other, are rapidly subsiding; the prayer book is coming into general use in the congregation; and the responses are made by many in a manner which indicates that they no longer consider precomposed forms of worship as indissolubly connected with heartless formality.

The whole number of communicants has not been correctly ascertained, as some of those who have formerly been reported live at so great a distance from the church that the present minister has not yet become acquainted with them. The number of communicants known to the minister is 42. Seven of these have been received during the past year.

Baptisms,	infants, 12	-	17
	adults, 5		
Confirmed,	- - -		33
Funerals,	- - -		4

Christ Church, Madison, Columbia County.

I began to officiate in this church in January last, since which time I have baptized 1 infant, and attended 1 funeral.

The number of communicants is 19 or 20.

There are Sunday Schools in both the above places. The one at Muncey conducted by episcopalians, that in Madison by persons connected with different denominations. The number of scholars is in each about 60.

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Report of the Rev. Corry Chambers, Deacon, officiating at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Luke's Church, Pottsville.

Within the last 4 months 6 baptisms and two marriages. Divine service is performed here twice, and sometimes three times on Sundays, when the place for performing the episcopal service is not occupied by the Methodists—the church of Pottsville, or rather of St. Luke's, not being finished, divine service can only be performed when and where a house is procured. Also, Mr. Chambers has a bible class that meets at his house on every Thursday evening. He likewise attends to his duty in going from house to house in the town and neighbourhood to give what seasonable advice he is able.

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Report of the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, and St. James's Church, Perkiomen, Montgomery County.

St. James's Church, Perkiomen.

Communicants 32—baptisms, children 10—adults 7—total 17—marriages 8—funerals 4.

St. John's Church, Norristown.

Communicants, deceased and removed 5—added 10—total 51—baptisms 15—marriages 8—funerals 13.

The Sunday Schools attached to both the above churches have their operations continued under circumstances encouraging to the hopes and wishes of their friends.

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Report of the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County; and St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester County.

St. James's Church, Lancaster.

Baptisms, 16 minors—2 adults.

Christ Church, Leacock.

Baptisms 30 minors—6 adults.

St. John's Church, Pequea.

Baptisms 7 minors—marriages 26.

Zion Church, Marietta.

Communicants 15.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Associate Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester County, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County.

My labours commenced in these congregations a short time previous to the last Convention. The frequent intercourse which has existed with the various families and individuals of which they are composed, has rendered me well acquainted with their religious circumstances: for, notwithstanding they are scattered over an area of country not less than 20 miles long and 10 broad, a large majority have received my visits with frequency, and if I except one family but recently discovered, I can say that *none* have been negleeted. It soon appeared that religion had been regarded with great inattention, and that of piety there was a lamentable deficiency. By a faithful exhibition of the truth as it is in Jesus, and wrestlings at a throne of grace, (and in these with grief I own my deficiency,) it was not long before it was evinced, that many understandings were becoming enlightened, and a few hearts had been powerfully and savingly operated on by the Holy Ghost. Some lukewarm professors have been aroused, and some "dead in trespasses and sins have been made alive in Christ."

Besides preaching alternately once every Lord's day in the churches, I have regularly officiated at New Holland, and at two school houses, situated within the bounds of my parish; and during about half the year, I have preached on week days from house to house, on an average once a week, though at periods much oftener. With great gratification I must state that there has never been wanting hearers, when I plainly and faithfully declared the gospel.

Connected with Christ church congregation there is a promising Sunday School of about sixty scholars, the number increasing. This is superintended by myself.

With St. John's church congregation there is directly connected no Sunday School, but within its limits there exists a Union School, in which many of the members participate.

In St. John's there are

Communicants 31; five have been added in the past year—

baptisms have been 12 children, 1 adult—marriages 5—funerals 6.

There have been but two administrations of the sacrament in Christ Church since its organization in 1819.

Communicants are 17; eleven have been added in the past year—baptisms, children 4, adults 3—marriages 2—funerals 4.

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Report of the Rev. James De Pui, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf, Columbia County.

St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh, Columbia County.

There have been baptisms 35 infants, and 3 adults; total 38—burials 3 adults and 1 infant; total 4—marriages 10—confirmed by the assistant bishop 33—communicants 3 removed, 1 dead, 7 added, total 41.

St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf township, Columbia County.

There have been baptisms 28 infants, 6 adults; total 34—burial 1 adult—marriage 1—communicants 15—confirmed by the assistant bishop 10.

The church at Danville is now being built, and is expected to be finished in the course of a few months.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, late Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County.

Baptism, 1 infant. Marriages, (since last report,) 12. Communicants 18.

In noticing the religious state of his congregation, the rector has reason to return thanks to the Author of every good and perfect gift, for the good which, however, seemingly inconsiderable, has through his grace been effected. The rector has not confined his labours exclusively to church. He has frequently preached at the school-houses in the vicinity. He has enjoyed much spiritual comfort and encouragement in preaching at Bethel, a township adjacent to Concord, where he has collected a congregation. He thinks that a church might be erected there at but very little expense. Since his last report, he has preached frequently at Upper Chichester, and has organized a Sunday school there, the spiritual state of which has been encouraging. He has likewise occasionally visited and preached at the factories on Chester creek. He would call the attention of his brethren to these neglected spots, where the preaching of the pure word of God is much needed. They are in general the seats of vice. Large numbers congregated within small spaces, with ample opportuni-

ties of communicating their prejudices and their errors, demand the attention of the servants of God; and need the close and faithful heart-searching preaching of the word---that word, designated by the Holy Spirit, "as mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." The man of God, when visiting these moral wastes, must feel a disposition similar to that of the blessed Jesus, who, "when he saw the multitudes, was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." He has likewise visited the large and improving village of West Chester, and preached to an attentive and respectable congregation. He went, during the autumn of last year, to New London, with the design of administering the Lord's supper, but the officers of the church thought it inexpedient, as the Rev. Mr. Bull had signified his intention of performing the same duty on the following Sunday.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall, late Rector of St. John the Baptist's Church, York, York County, and Christ Church, Huntingdon, Adams County.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, late rector, begs leave to present the following statement to the bishop and Convention of Pennsylvania.

Having depended on his successor, the Rev. Mr. Thorn, to make out, from the register of Christ church, an accurate account of the parochalia for the past year, and finding he has not done it, he now states from memory, as follows:*

Communicants, (added about 12,) total about 30; removed away 4. Baptisms, adults 8; children, about 12; total 20.

He also begs leave further to say, in addition to the above, as matters tending to throw more light on the state of the congregation, that there has been evidently an increase of piety and devotion to the great concerns of religion in this congregation, since the last report; and it is but just to remark, in order to show the benefit of such conjoint efforts, that the associated labours of several of the clergy who reside contiguous to each other, were extraordinarily blessed to further the cause of vital and practical godliness in the parish during the past year. The number of communicants and adult baptisms has been thereby increased, and a greater attendance on the services of the sanctuary, as well as frequent meetings for prayer and exhortation among the members of our church, whereby they have been greatly strengthened in their Chris-

* Mr. Thorn has forwarded to the bishop an abstract from the register of this church, and the above report is in conformity to said abstract.

tian course, and built up in their most holy faith. In the parish there is an interesting Sunday school, which is discontinued in the winter.

St. John's Church, York, Pennsylvania.

Communicants, added 3. Total 30. Baptisms, about 20.

In this congregation there is a flourishing Sunday school, and during the past year, a library of about 160 volumes has been procured, not only for the use of the young, but also containing books for the instruction of other classes of the parish; a measure, it is hereby judged, well calculated to promote a growth in sound piety and true devotion.

The number of teachers and scholars in the two schools above reported, has not been fully ascertained; but may be of the former about 30, and of the latter about 140. All which is respectfully submitted.

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Report of the Rev. John A. Hicks, Deacon, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.

Baptisms 2. Marriages 1. Funerals 4. Whole number of communicants 25. Sunday scholars 120. Sunday school teachers 20. Bible class 12.

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Report of the Rev. John H. Hopkins, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

The rector reports that since the last Convention, in May, 1828, he has baptized 55 infants and 8 adults; total 63: that he has solemnized 8 marriages: that during the visitation of the Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop, in August last, twenty persons were confirmed by him, and again at his late visitation on the 3d of the present month 22 persons more were confirmed, making the total number of persons confirmed since the last report 42, and that fifty-two names have been added to the list of communicants, rendering the whole number of communicants 239, but making reasonable allowance for removals, it may perhaps be estimated more correctly at about 200.

The Sunday School belonging to the church is increasing in numbers and usefulness, having now upwards of 200 scholars under about 30 teachers. The congregation have contributed to the funds of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania $407 within the last year, and are progressing, it is hoped, in zeal for every good work connected with the diffusion of pure and undefiled religion. The church edifice is complete, and a town clock and excellent bell are erected in the tower, while the remaining debt of

the congregation unprovided for, does not exceed $1000, and for many months back there have been more applicants for seats than could possibly be accommodated.

On the whole aspect of his parochial affairs, therefore, the rector has abundant cause for gratitude to Almighty God, while he looks forward to a far greater increase of that sound and consistent piety among the people of his charge, without which all the external appendages of their profession must be utterly unavailing.

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Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Deacon, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and in various parts of Chester County.

During the past year, the sphere of my ministerial efforts, with the exception of Wagontown, Cochranville, and Downington, and the addition of East Caln, Marshalton and West Marlborough, has been nearly the same as that noticed in my last report, during the preceding year. Whilst, on contemplating the condition of my fellow-travellers to the world of spirits, I have much reason to lament the baleful, wide extended influence of the powers of sin and darkness, I have reason also to rejoice in God my Saviour, for His "mercy" is not yet "clean gone for ever." Much more than doubtful evidence of the beginnings of His salvation in the souls of some, has been made manifest. With regard to external circumstances pertaining to my charge, I present the following as a brief relation. In the congregation of St. John's, I have baptized 5 infants and 1 adult, catechised the little ones that could be got to church, and, as I had opportunity, visited their parents and other members, solemnized 1 marriage and attended 1 funeral. The Lord's Supper has been celebrated twice, with an increase of four new communicants in the first instance, and two in the second—the Rev. brother who kindly officiated on a similar occasion noticed in my last, being present and officiating on each of these. The number of communicants, with the addition of those just noticed, and the exception of 3 removed, is believed to be about 19. A Tract Society, which numbers about 50 members, has been organized, and a Sunday School of about 16 scholars and 10 teachers has been established. Instead of enlarging the old church, as noticed in my report last year, the congregation have resolved on pulling it down, and erecting a brick building, 30 feet by 40. At the C. C. Poor House I have baptized 4 infants.

It may be proper to state in relation to West Marlborough, that during the course of last summer I preached a number of times at the site of an old episcopal church on the street road,

near 40 miles from Philadelphia, to vast assemblages of people. After the weather became too inclement to stand in the open air, a school house about two miles distant, was opened for the meeting. Here, in general, I have officiated once a month. The old church, just alluded to, which, I think, was called St. James's, was, I have been informed, reduced to ruins about the time of the Revolutionary war. Not a vestige of it now remains. Some claims have lately been advanced by an individual in the neighbourhood to the ground on which it stood, as well as to the yard about it, but the county court, under a conviction of the validity of those of the former congregation, has appointed Messrs. Pyle & Nichols in the vicinity, and Mr. Thomas Charlton of New London, trustees of the church property. Many are now anxious to have a new church erected on the site of the old one.

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Report of the Rev. Francis H. L. Laird, Deacon, Missionary, officiating at Georgetown, Beaver County, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Most respectfully would I beg leave to report, that when I removed to Georgetown in the beginning of April, 1828, I found the church house in that place in ruins, and a congregation composed of persons whose minds were profoundly ignorant of the doctrines, rites and mode of worship of our holy church, and whose affections were truly languid toward her. After the lapse of a few weeks, the scattered adherents convened and elected an efficient vestry, through whose laudable efforts means have been employed to repair the church. To view the traces of their renovating zeal upon the church-house is truly grateful to all those who pray for the prosperity of Zion: affording at once a partial answer to their prayer, an incentive to continue it, and a permanent source of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.

In last May we established a "Sunday School," which, through the summer, increased to the number of 70 scholars. In last January we established a P. D. Miss. Society, the avails of which will be inconsiderable, but sufficient to evidence our approbation of such institution. A hope is entertained that they will increase. Upon the 12th of last August the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk administered the holy rite of confirmation to 9 persons in Georgetown. Upon the 29th of April, 1829, Bishop Onderdonk administered the same rite in Georgetown, to 29 persons, and upon the 30th ultimo 18 persons received this rite in St. Paul's church.

I have equally divided my Sunday service between Georgetown, St. Paul's, and Beaver bridge. The number of com-

municants in Georgetown congregation when I arrived there was about 6: the increase for the past year equals the number confirmed, for 6 persons were prevented from attending the late confirmation by sickness. In St. Paul's congregation there are at present 28 communicants; increase for the year 6. St. Paul's Church house is a frame building in an unfinished state. Beaver bridge is not a congregation distinct from Georgetown, but is a place (one mile and a half west of the Ohio river) where we convene in a school house for the conveniency of members of Georgetown congregation, who live west of the Ohio. I have made some progress in pastoral visitation—have baptized 14 persons, 7 adults—have attended the funeral of 1 person, a member of St. Paul's church—have married none—and have held Sunday examinations.

Upon a review of the whole, I am happy in being able to state that the prospects for our church's extension in this section of country are flattering, but the labourers are few. Let us, therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send efficient, pious labourers into his vineyard, and to hasten on that happy period when the beautiful simile will be realized, the wilderness and solitary place shall blossom, &c.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Marks, Missionary, in the churches in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Matthew's Church, Pike township, Bradford County.

To the communion list of this church, no addition has been made. Communicants 17. Baptism, 1 infant. Marriages 5.

St. Mark's Church, New Milford, Susquehanna County.

By the wardens and vestry of this church, I have been invited to preach one-third of the time for the ensuing year. The invitation has been accepted; my labours in that parish commenced on the first Sunday in May. The edifice erected by the enterprising people of that church is completed, and ready for consecration. Communicants unknown. Marriages 2. Baptisms, none. Funerals, none.

St. Jude's Church, Springville, Susquehanna County.

In this place there have been, Marriages 5. Baptisms, 3 infants. Funerals 2. Communicants 33. One communicant has connected himself with the church in New York, with a view to the attainment of holy orders. The Sunday School of this church will go into immediate operation.

The rector purposes, with the divine blessing, to pursue with zeal the study of the Scriptures with the young people of the congregation.

The preacher feels much encouraged to proceed in his labours with the people of the churches over which God, in his providence, has placed him.

There is certainly a growing attachment to the peculiarities of our church in this new and interesting country. All that is necessary (under God) for the increase of our church in this and all new countries, is to give her doctrines a fair representation, show that her forms of worship are of long standing, and the best calculated for the training up of the rising generation, and the suppression of enthusiasm—proceeding with patience, and having an eye single to the glory of God in all things. Small as the churches under the rector's care are, he does not despair of success eventually, provided he labours agreeably to the word of God, the articles and homilies of the church.

That the churches under my care may prosper, and that the broad shield of peace may cover the church in this and every other place from whatever would hurt it, is my most devout and sincere prayer.

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Report of the Rev. James May, Deacon, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Baptized within the last year 7 children and 3 adults, one of the latter by immersion, total 10—communicants, 3 have removed from the parish, and 2 have been added, total present number 38—marriages 2. Sunday School is composed of 70 scholars.

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Report of the Rev. William C. Mead, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, 24 infants, 1 adult, total 25—confirmed in Christ Church by Bishop White 3—communicants, added 5, removed 4; dead 2; total 139—marriages 12.

Female Sunday Schools, 2 directresses, 34 teachers, 260 pupils.

Male do. do. 1 superintendent, 6 teachers, 129 pupils.

There is a library belonging to each school, and they are in a prosperous condition. During the past year a commodious arrangement has been made in the galleries of Trinity church, for the accommodation of the schools during public worship; and for a time a full service, followed by a short sermon, adapted to the capacities of the children, has been held once a month in the church, or in the lower school house, on a Sunday afternoon.

The Female Missionary Association continues its exertions.

It consists of 112 members, and has recently paid $50 into the treasury of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of our church, to constitute the Rev. E. Rutledge a patron of the same.

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Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Deacon, officiating in St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, and at Pottstown, Montgomery county.

The state of the congregations under my pastoral care, is evidently improving in numbers, and, I have reason to believe, in piety. Many who attend the ministration of the word, show their love to the Redeemer, by a consistent life, an humble and holy conversation. Since my last report, the communion has been administered thrice by the Rev. Levi Bull. On one occasion, the Rev. J. B. Clemson and the Rev. Richard Hall were present and assisted. The number of communicants belonging to the church at Morlattin, is about 35. Three have been removed by death. Baptisms, 5 infants. Funerals, 11. Marriages, 8.

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Report of the Rev. James Montgomery, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The rector of this church reports that, since the last Convention, there have been

Baptisms, infants 48; adults 3; total 51. Communicants, added 10; removed 3; present number 80. Funerals 24.

The stated annual collections have been made in behalf of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania; the Protestant Episcopal Sunday and Adult School Society of Philadelphia, auxiliary to the "General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union;" of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate of this state; the latter having been made on the 17th inst. subsequently to the closing of the treasurer's account for the past year, is not credited therein, but will appear in that of the present year.

The catechetical instruction of the young has been attended to.

The Sunday school connected with the church, has within the last year been an object of increased interest and exertion. From the large accession of female teachers during that period, their number is now much larger than at any former period; and from their zeal and exertions, favoured with the divine

blessing, there is ground to anticipate a large increase of usefulness from the institution.

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Report of the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware County.

Communicants—removed 2; withdrawn 3; added 3; present number 27. Baptisms 18, infants. Marriages 17. Burials 18.

The Sunday school of St. Martin's church still continues to flourish. Its concerns are managed by a superintendent, a secretary, 4 male and 10 female teachers, who discharge their duties with fidelity, and their labours, it is believed, are blessed from on high. The number of scholars enrolled is 50, and nearly all are in regular attendance.

Attached to St. Paul's, Chester, there is a Sunday school, which was formed in September last. The names of 142 children are registered, and the averaged attendance is about 70. It is conducted by two directors, two directresses, and eleven female teachers, who are diligently and zealously engaged in promoting its usefulness, and the hope is indulged, that their work is not in vain in the Lord. Belonging to this church there is also a juvenile Bible class, the members of which, it is gratifying to state, give evidence of great attention and considerable improvement in the study of the scriptures.

The rector reports, that the prospects of this congregation are encouraging, and would mention as an instance of their increased attention to the services of the sanctuary, that during the last winter a choir was formed, consisting principally of ladies, who conducted with much devotional effect, and with great elegance and correctness, the chants and psalmody of the church. The responses are made more generally than formerly, and a growing interest in the ministrations of the church is manifested; and we are not without some hopeful indications of piety.

The congregation of Hook, though blessed with but little increase during the past year, yet still maintains its standing. While in reference to both these churches, the rector can only say, that it is "the day of small things," yet for this he desires to record the expression of gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and fondly trusts it is but the earnest of a more extensive work.

In conclusion, the rector deems it proper to state, that in compliance with an invitation from the vestry of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county, he has consented, (by divine permission,) to labour in that portion of the Lord's vineyard, every fourth Sunday during the present year. This

arrangement has been made, in order to afford an opportunity of judging of the expediency of accepting the call, which has been presented, to the permanent rectorship of the same.

Having not, however, yet commenced my labours, no report can be made by me to this Convention. On the 28th inst. (God willing,) the church will be consecrated by our respected and venerable diocesan.

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Report of the Rev. William H. Rees, Deacon, Rector of St. James the Greater's Church, Bristol, Bucks County.

Funerals, 10 adults, 7 children; total 17. Marriages 3. Baptism 1. Communicants about 70, added 4. Scholars in the Sunday school between 90 and 100.

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Report of the Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin County.

Having entered upon the duties of this parish in January last, the state of the church since that date can only be presented. The pecuniary difficulties of this church present an alarming state of affairs. The debt incurred by the erection of the church, and to liquidate which, the congregation have no means, renders the church liable to be sold, unless speedy and liberal aid can be obtained from the liberality of the friends of the church in this diocese; and when it is considered that Harrisburgh is the metropolis of this state, it must be admitted, that it is desirable to prevent so disgraceful a circumstance as the sale of the church by the sheriff of the county. An earnest appeal is therefore made to the clergymen of the different parishes, as much as to the liberal lay members of the church in general, to procure aid for the discharge of the debt.

The spiritual state of the congregation is encouraging, the congregation increasingly numerous, and devout in attention to the religious services. There have been, since the date mentioned, marriages 2, funerals 4, confirmed 3, communicants 25, Sunday scholars 30.

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jun. Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County, and St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery County.

The number of communicants in both churches is about 42. Four have been added during the past year, and many have removed.

Baptisms 4, two of which number were adults. Marriages 3, and funerals 6.

During the past year, confirmation was administered in St. Luke's church, and thirteen persons were admitted thereto.

Of Sunday Schools. Since the last report to Convention, the Sunday schools of St. Thomas's church, in consequence of the removal of their zealous and devoted teachers, have been suspended, to the great regret of the neighbourhood, and detriment of the church. None have yet been found to tread in the steps of those faithful members of the church, who commenced and sustained those schools. The Sunday schools of Germantown have continued to flourish, and to scatter the blessings of religious and moral instruction to many in the humble walks of life. Number of scholars about 140, teachers 12.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County.

Trinity Church, Oxford.

Baptisms, children, 11—communicants 25—burials 20.

All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin.

Baptism 1—communicants 30—burials 20—marriages 5.

In consequence of there being Sunday Schools of established reputation in the neighbourhood, there is none in either of those churches.

Services have been rendered, the children heard in the catechism, and collections for the Episcopal Fund, and for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in the State of Pennsylvania, have been observed as heretofore.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Penn township, Philadelphia.

This small edifice, after undergoing thorough repairs, and being prepared very commodiously and neatly for divine service, was consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, on Sunday, Nov. 30, 1828. Since that time divine service has been held in it regularly on Sunday mornings and at night, and also most of the time, for the purposes of exposition of scripture, on Thursday evening.

The number of communicants found upon the first celebration of the Lord's Supper, by the present rector, to belong to this church, was 21; since which time 2 have been added, making, in all, 23.

There have been no deaths strictly within the limits of the parish, but the rector has been called upon to attend funeral services in the case of 2 persons.

Baptisms, of infants, 4 in public, and 1 clinically.

One person was reported for confirmation, amongst the number confirmed at Christ church on Easter-eve.

The Sunday School is flourishing, and consists, at present, of nearly 120 scholars.

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Report of the Rev. Charles Smith, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County, and Missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Christ Church, Meadville.

Communicants 37—baptisms 5—marriages 3—funerals 2.

During the past year the church in this parish has been completed in the pure Gothic style, a beautiful toned organ procured, and a sufficient number of seats disposed of to defray the expenses hitherto incurred. It was consecrated in August last by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, and during his visitation 51 persons received the holy rite of confirmation.

St. John's Church, Franklin, Venango County.

The exterior of the building has been completed during the past year, and arrangements made for its further progress, during the ensuing season. In other respects no material change has taken place during the past year. St. James's church, Venango Furnace, has been attended by the Rev. Mr. Hilton, during the autumn and winter past, and it is presumed will therefore be included in his report. Trinity church, Centre county, has also been under the charge of Rev. Mr. Adderly for some time past, who will report its particular state.

With regard to St. John's church, Mercer, I can only add, that from several causes, the state of the roads, other various duties, and occasional ill health, I have been unable to give it any regular attention during the past year, though I am still inclined to the opinion expressed in my last report, that with regular attention something might be effected.

It ought to be observed that with regard to the Sunday School of Christ church, Meadville, it has, for the principal portion of the year, been well attended.

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Report of the Rev. Joseph Spencer, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.

Baptisms 8—marriages 2—deaths 2—communicants 40.

The Sunday School of St. John's church, which at the last convention was reported to be in a prosperous condition, is still improving. It contains about 103 children, and 15 teach-

ers, besides two directresses, all of whom merit the highest praise for the zeal with which they discharge their duties.

The rector also formed a Bible class about a year ago, composed chiefly of the younger members of the congregation, from which he has reason to hope much benefit has been derived.

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Report of the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, officiating in St. Thomas's (African) Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 3; children 11—marriages 7—burials 24—communicants, deceased, 4—suspended 4—added 7—total, at present, 67.

Since the last convention a Sunday School for both sexes has been brought into successful operation. Its register contains the names of 16 teachers, and 171 scholars. To the latter, the pastor is delivering a regular course of instruction in the doctrines of Christianity.

A Bible class was instituted in January last, which assembles once every week. The portions of scripture to which the attention of its members is directed, are those appointed by the church for the lessons, epistle and gospel for all the Sundays of the year.

For the accommodation of the above mentioned institutions, the vestry have provided a room under the church at an expense of five hundred dollars.

The organ, of which mention was made in our last report, has been exchanged for one of great power and value.

The catechetical examination and instruction of the children has been duly attended to.

Though no extraordinary religious excitement has manifested itself in this congregation during the last year, still we have reason to believe that the exercises of the sanctuary have not been unproductive of good. The minds of the people are evidently becoming more enlightened on the great subjects of religion, and their hearts affected by its solemn realities.

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Report of the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Rector of the United Churches of Christ Church and St. Peter's, and of St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms 72. Marriages 62. Burials 79. Communicants about 325.

In these churches there is divine service and sermons twice on every Sunday throughout the year, and on Christmas day, and Good Friday; also divine service on Wednesday and Fri-

day in every week; on every day in Passion Week, and on various festivals.

In the two last weeks of Lent, there were lectures on the Catechism, on the ministry, and on the service of the church; and on four days in Easter week, there was that number of lectures on the doctrines of grace. Young persons were heard in the Catechism, from the second Sunday before Easter; that exercise to be continued until Whit Sunday.

In the three churches is the same number of male, and the same number of female Sunday schools.

There have been collected in the same, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $269 44, for the Sunday and Adult School Society and the Parochial Sunday schools, $269 24, and for the Episcopal Fund, $137 25; in addition to collections for the poor.

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Report of the Rev. Henry I. Whitehouse, Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks County.

Baptisms, adults 4, children 7. Funerals 5. Marriage 1. Communicants, added 15, died 1, total 50.

The stated services in this parish are two on every Sunday in the year, and a lecture on Wednesday evenings, except during the three summer months, when the latter is intermitted; divine service and sermon on Christmas day, circumcision, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The communion is administered every eight weeks, and the church opened for prayers on the Wednesday and Friday previous to each celebration. The same is the case during Lent, and every day in Passion Week. In the latter season, sixteen lectures were delivered in explanation of the Apostles' Creed, and for the practical enforcement of its doctrines.

The senior Bible class assembles weekly, and owing to a change in the arrangement, has increased considerably; averaging about fifty members; all of whom, (with one or two exceptions,) are communicants in our own church, or one of the German. The plan heretofore pursued has been continued. A portion of the gospels, in the order of the harmony, comprising from ten to thirty verses, is assigned the week previous, with questions in writing, to which anonymous answers are returned by such of the members as feel disposed; these answers are read aloud by the rector, and commented upon, when necessary. The whole passage is then made the subject of the weekly lecture adverted to above. The meetings are opened and closed with prayers and collects from the liturgy. The junior Bible class, which has numbered from twenty to thirty, assembles on the afternoons of Saturday. Four or five

chapters form the usual lesson, on which the children come prepared to answer such questions as may be proposed. The examination is close, and interspersed with remarks adapted to their comprehension and feelings. In the past year, this class has studied the book of Acts, the Pentateuch, Joshua, and Judges, with occasional omissions in the Old Testament.

Sunday afternoon is devoted to catechetical instruction. In order to embrace a large number of children, two classes have been formed, one pursuing catechism number 2, the other number 3. Familiar explanations similar to those of the Bible class have been employed with success in exerting the interest of the attendants.

Since the last report the Sunday school has been much reduced in number, owing to the establishment of similar institutions connected with the German congregations. This change is recent, and we can scarcely estimate what number will eventually remain. It may be set down at about one hundred in the male and female departments, under the care of twenty-five teachers. It is worthy of note, that the superintendent is a man of upwards of seventy years of age, and we but give utterance to the feeling with which his regularity and zeal in the office inspire all who witness them, in applying the passage of the wise man, "the hoary head is a crown of glory, for it is found in the way of righteousness." The library has continued to increase, and comprises about two hundred volumes. The sum of fifty dollars paid over to the treasurer of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, &c., was the avails of the industry of a few ladies of the congregation, who devoted a certain portion of their time to this valuable purpose, and whose diligence and perseverance merit the highest encomiums.

The collection for the Episcopate, handed over to the treasurer of that fund, amounted this year to eleven dollars and twenty-five cents. The stated amount has also been paid to the Convention fund of the diocese.

The number of pewholders entitled to vote, is thirty-six; and the adult worshippers attached to the church, may be estimated at about one hundred; although the attendance, especially in the evening, is much greater. The rector cannot say, that during the past year, the congregation has added much to its numerical strength, but he cherishes the impression, with deep gratitude to the Spirit of the Highest, that some have sought with much earnestness the way of salvation, have progressed in the experimental knowledge of the doctrines of grace, and that holiness of life which will make them "meet for the inheritance of the saints in light."

Report of the Rev. James Wiltbank, late Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville.

The late rector of this church, respectfully reports, that this church has, during the last year, encountered many difficulties, which, in addition to the unfavourable location of the edifice, and the removal of a great part of her former communicants, seem to require renewed exertions. Under these circumstances he has resigned his charge, with a recommendation to the vestry, to call some zealous young clergyman who might devote himself especially to the work. Such arrangements are about being made, and he anticipates a happy result.

The Sunday school, though much reduced in numbers, from external causes, still comprises about eighty scholars, attended by the teachers. The prejudices excited against this useful establishment are subsiding, and the pupils again returning to their neglected teachers.

Communicants 12. Baptisms 8. Marriages 5. Funerals 4.

On motion of Rev. Mr. *Sheets*, it was Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the authorities of St. Andrew's church, for the use of the same, and to the inhabitants of Philadelphia for their politeness and hospitality to the members of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. *S. J. Robbins*, it was ordered that 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed.

On motion of Rev. Dr. *Montgomery*, it was ordered that the Secretary cause to be printed 1000 copies of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk's Charge, and also 1000 copies of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Church, as amended and adopted by this Convention.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 122nd Psalm, when, after the benediction from the Rt. Rev. President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

William H. De Lanoey, *Secretary.*

N. P. Hobart, *Assistant Secretary.*

List of the Clergy in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY, 1829.

THE Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the House of Bishops, Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of the united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, and of St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of the united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, Associate Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county, St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in the city of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, Master of the Eastern Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, Rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, an Assistant Minister of the united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, Rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, Rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Joab G. Cooper*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Weller*, residing in Philadelphia, and Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. *Joseph Spencer*, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county, and Professor of Languages in Dickinson college, in that borough.

The Rev. *Charles Smith*, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, assistant to the Rev. G. T. Bedell, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brinckle*, Rector of St. David's church, Radnor, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, Jr.* Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county, and St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Henry H. Pfeiffer*, Rector of Christ church, Brownsville, and Trinity church, Connelsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Sitgreaves*, residing at Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorn*, Rector of Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county, and St. John the Baptist's church, York, York county.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. *Peter Van Pelt*, officiating in St. Thomas's (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Thomas G. Allen*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John H. Hopkins*, Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, Associate Rector of St. James's church, Lancaster.

The Rev. *Edward Rutledge*, Assistant Professor of Moral Philosophy, in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Piggot*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, missionary, officiating in the churches in Susquehanna and Bradford counties, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Norman Nash*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William C. Mead*, Rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Benjamin B. Smith*, Rector of Grace church, Penn township, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*.

The Rev. *David C. Page*, missionary, officiating at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James De Pui*, officiating at Bloomsburg and Madison, Columbia county, and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. *John B. Clemson*, Associate Rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating as domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Henry I. Whitehouse*, Rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. *Benjamin Hutchins*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John A. Hicks*, Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Pierce Connelly*, officiating in the Swedish church at Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

DEACONS.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, deacon, missionary for Waterford, and Erie, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William H. Rees*, deacon, minister of St. James the Greater's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *James May*, deacon, minister of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *George Kirk*, deacon, officiating in St. John's church, New London, Cross Roads, Chester county.

The Rev. *John Davis*, deacon, missionary in Tennessee, in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, deacon, Rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county.

The Rev. *Lucius Carter*, deacon, Rector of St. James's church, Muncey, Lycoming county, and Christ church, Madison, Columbia county.

The Rev. *Corry Chambers*, deacon, officiating at Pottsville, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *John T. Adderly*, deacon, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Philipsburgh, Bellefonte, and Huntingdon.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, deacon, Missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Butler, Butler county, and at Kittanning, Armstrong county.

The Rev. *Francis H. L. Laird*, deacon, missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, at Georgetown, Beaver county.

The Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, deacon, missionary in Florida, in the service of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Total 65.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township.—Christ church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittanning.—St. Paul's church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburg.—Trinity church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown.— ———church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township.—St. Gabriel's church.
Reading.—Christ church.
Morgantown.—St. Thomas's church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike.—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol.—St. James the Greater's church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler.—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Philipsburgh.—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township.—St. John's church.
East Nantmeal township.—St. Mary's church.
Great Valley.—St. Peter's church.
Pequea township.—St. John's church.
West Whiteland township.—St. Paul's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township.—St. Gabriel's church.
Bloomsburg.—St. Paul's church.
Madison.—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville.—Christ Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle.—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh.—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester.—St. Paul's church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook.—St. Martin's church.
Concord township.—St. John's church.
Newton township, Radnor.—St. David's church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie.—St. Paul's church.
Waterford.—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville.—Christ church.
Manalen.—Grace church.
Connelsville.—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon.—St. John's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster.—St. James's church.
Leacock township.—Christ church.
Caernarvon township, Churchtown.—Bangor church.
Marietta.—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkesbarre.—St. Stephen's church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey Creek township.—St. James's church.

MERCER COUNTY.

Mercer.—St. John's church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown.—St. Mark's church.
Thompsontown.—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township.—St. Thomas's church.
Perkiomen township.—St. James's church.
Norristown.—St. John's church.
Pottstown.—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton.—Trinity church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton.—Christ church.
Sunbury.—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The City of Philadelphia.—The united churches of Christ church and St. Peter's church, St. James's church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church.
Northern Liberties.—St. John's church.
Southwark.—Trinity church.
Francisville.—St. Matthew's church.
Lower Dublin township.—All Saints' church.
Oxford township.—Trinity church.
Germantown.—St. Luke's church.
Blockley township, Mantua.—St. Mark's church.
Penn township.—Grace church.
Hamiltonville.—St. Mary's church.

Susquehanna County.

Springville.—St. Jude's church.
New Milford.---St. Mark's church.

Venango County.

Franklin.---St. John's church.
Venango Furnace.—St. James's church.

Washington County.

——— St. Peter's church.

Westmoreland County.

Greensburgh.---Christ church.
Blairsville.—St. Peter's church.

York County.

York.---St. John the Baptist's church.

Total 71.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas's (African) church, not in union with the Convention.

List of the Candidates for Orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May, 1829.

John H. Marsden,	report. to the conven. by the bishop in	1826
John Campbell,	"	1826
Henry Hood,	"	1826
Darius Williams, jun.	"	1826
George E. Hare,	"	1827
Christian Wiltberger, jun.	"	1828
George P. Giddinge,	"	1828
David Dick,	"	1828
Matthew H. Henderson,	"	1828
Frederick Beasley,	"	1828
Samuel W. Selden,	"	1829
Sansom K. Brunot,	"	1829
Lyman N. Freeman,	"	1829
Charles Shaler,	"	1829
Richard Collier,	"	1829
	Total	15.

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

1828.			
July 3.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention, being three months' interest of the Episcopal Fund,	$180	95
5.	To cash paid Mr. William J. Bell, to invest in the five per cent. Loan of the State of Pennsylvania,.....	144	92
Sept. 11.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention, being interest of the Fund, (invested in 5 per cent. State Loan,) from 10th July to 1st August, 1828,..	37	63
1829.			
Feb. 4.	To cash paid Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention, being interest of the Episcopal Fund from the 1st of August, 1828 to 1st of February, 1829,.....	308	05
May 11.	To cash paid Messrs. Hale & Davidson, to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania,.....	157	89
		$829	44

We, the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Committee, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers for the items on the debit and credit side thereof, and find the same to be correct.

WILLIAM J. BELL,
FREDERICK BEASLEY, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, May 15, 1829.

in account with James S. Smith, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1828.			
May 23.	By cash, (per Rev. Dr. De Lancey,) being collections in the following churches, viz.		
„	Bangor Church, Lancaster county,.....	$6	25
„	St. Mary's Church, Chester,.....	2	30
„	St. Thomas's Church, Morgantown,.....	3	01
„	Christ Church, Reading,.....	12	50
„	St. James's Church, Perkiomen,.....	6	58
„	St. James's Church, Lancaster,.....	17	50
May 31.	By cash, (per Mr. Wm. J. Bell,) being collection in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,.....	44	28
June 9.	By cash (per Wm. J. Bell, Esq.) from a member of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia,.....	2	50
20.	By cash from Mr. Thomas G. Henderson, of Lancaster county, being a donation by him,.....	50	
July 3.	By cash, being three months' interest on United States Stock,.....	180	95
15.	By cash (per Rev. Mr. Sheets,) collection in All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin,.....	9	33
	By cash, being a collection in Trinity Church, Oxford,..	5	11
Sept. 11.	By cash, being interest on Stock, (State Loan,) from 10th July to 1st August, 1828,.....	37	63
1829.			
Feb. 3.	By cash, being interest on Stock, (State Loan,) from 1st of August, 1828, to 1st February, 1829,.....	368	05
March 6.	By cash, (per Rev. Dr. De Lancey,) being contribution by the Female Juvenile Society of St. John's Church, Carlisle,.....	6	20
May 11.	By cash, being collections made yesterday, in the following Churches, viz.		
	Christ Church, Philadelphia,.....	33	36
	St. Peter's Church, do.....	36	96
	St. James's Church, do.....	66	93
		$829	44

James S. Smith,

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

Philadelphia, May 12, 1829.

Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

At the time of the last report of the trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the said Fund, then amounting to $12,064 67, was invested in United States six per cent. stock. That stock being about to be paid off by the government, it was, by the advice and under the direction of the standing committee, deemed adviseable to sell it, and invest the proceeds in the five per cent. stock of the state of Pennsylvania. This was accordingly done at a small advance, and the amount produced by the sale, ($12,177 30,) together with a cash balance in the hands of the treasurer, ($144 92,) making together $12,322 22, was invested *at par* in the five per cent. stock of the state of Pennsylvania pertaining to the canal loan, created by virtue of an act of assembly passed March 24th, 1828. Interest payable semi-annually, on the first days of February and August; irredeemable before the first of December, 1853.

A further investment of the same stock has since been made of the sums received by the treasurer; amount purchased, $156 33. The Episcopal Fund invested in the names of the trustees, amounts to $12,478 55.

JOHN READ,
THOS. HALE,
JAMES S. SMITH,
} Trustees.

Philadelphia, May 14th, 1829.

Philadelphia, July 7th, 1828.

Sold per order of James S. Smith, Esq.
treasurer of the Episcopal Fund of the
Protestant Episcopal church,

BY WM. JOHN BELL & Co.

$9,097 28,	6 p. ct. stock of 1814,	(10 mills. loan,)	at 100¾ per ct.	$9,165 50
2,967 29,	do.	do. (6 do.)	at 101½ do.	3,011 80
$12,064 57				12,177 30
July 5th, 1828, received				144 92
				$12,322 22

The above sum of twelve thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars, twenty-two cents, was subscribed to state five per cent. loan, irredeemable before 1853; and the certificate, in the names of *John Read*, *Thomas Hale*, *James S. Smith*, trustees, handed Mr. James S. Smith, treasurer.

WM. J. BELL & Co.

July 21st, 1828.

Bought by order of James S. Smith, Esq. treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

1829.

May 14th. $156 33 state 5 p. ct. of 1853, at 101 p. ct. $157 89, transferred to James S. Smith, John Read, and Thomas Hale, in trust.

Received payment, May 11th, 1829.

HALE & DAVIDSON.

1828.			
July 7.	To cash paid Rev. Jackson Kemper's order to Robert Desilver for.....	$1	50
9.	,, Jesper Harding's bill for printing Journals, &c. per order of standing committee,.....	140	80
17.	,, do.'s bill for printing canons and constitution, &c. per order of committee,.....	55	33
Oct. 22.	,, W. J. Bell & Co. for $260 United States 6 per cent. Stock—10 million loan, a 100 ¾ per cent.,....	261	95
1829.			
Jan. 9.	,, Rev. Jackson Kemper, per order of committee, for postage paid by him,.....	4	81
May 11.	,, W. J. Bell, per order of the committee, for postage and for stationary,.....	1	96
12.	To balance in the treasurer's hands in cash, besides a certificate for the above $260 Stock,.....	102	58
		$568	93

We have examined the above account, and find it to be correct; the balance in the hands of William J. Bell, this day, being one hundred and two dollars and fifty-eight cents; which balance we also find to be standing to his credit, as treasurer of the Convention of the diocese of Pennsylvania, in the Philadelphia Bank, as appears by his bank-book, settled 14th May, 1829, we also find a certificate in his name, as treasurer, &c. for $260 six per cent. U. S. Stock.

W. H. DE LANCEY, } *Committee.*
JAMES S. SMITH, }

Philadelphia, May 15, 1829.

with William J. Bell, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1828.					
May 28.	By cash received from Philip H. Nicklin, the former Treasurer, the balance in his hands,.....			$321	13
	,, also collections by him at the late Convention in Philadelphia, viz.				
	Christ Church, Huntingdon township, Adams county,.....		$5 00		
	Trinity ,, Pittsburg, Allegheny co.,...		5 00		
	St. Gabriel's ,, Amity township, Berks co.,..		5 00		
	Christ ,, Reading, do.,.....		5 00		
	St. Thomas's ,, Morgantown, do.,.....		5 00		
	St. Mary's ,, E. Nantmeal township, Chester co.,...		5 00		
	St. John's ,, Great Valley, do.,.....		5 00		
	St. John's ,, Pequea, do.,.....		5 00		
	St. Paul's ,, Bloomsburg, Columbia co.,..		5 00		
	St. John's ,, Carlisle, Cumberland co.,...		5 00		
	St. Stephen's ,, Harrisburg, Dauphin co.,....		5 00		
	St. Paul's ,, Chester, Delaware co.,.....		5 00		
	St. David's ,, Radnor, do.,.....		5 00		
	St. James's ,, Lancaster, Lancaster county, 2 years,.....		10 00		
	Bangor ,, Carnarvon, Churchtown, do.,		5 00		
	St. Stephen's ,, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co.,..		5 00		
	St. Mark's ,, Lewistown, Mifflin co.,.....		5 00		
	St. Stephen's ,, Thompsontown, do.,...		5 00		
	St. James's ,, Perkiomen, Montgomery co.,		5 00		
	Trinity ,, Southwark, Philadelphia co.,		5 00		
	All Saints' ,, Lower Dublin, do.,.....		5 00		
	Trinity ,, Oxford, do.,.....		5 00		
	Trinity ,, Easton, Northampton co.,...		5 00		
	St. Mark's ,, Blockley, Philadelphia co.,..		5 00		
	Grace ,, Penn, do.,.....		5 00		
	St. John the Baptist's Church, York, York co.,		5 00		
				135	
Sept. 1.	St. John's Church, Norristown, per J. C. Clay,.....			5	
1829.					
Jan. 2.	By cash received a quarter's interest due yesterday on $260 6 per cent. stock,...			3	90
April 1.	By do. do. to-day, on do.,.....			3	90
27.	By cash from St. Peter's and Christ Churches, Philadelphia city,.....			40	
28.	By cash from St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia city,..			20	
29.	By do. St. James's do. do.,.....			20	
May 7.	By do. St. Andrew's do. do.,.....			20	
				$568	93
1829.					
May 12.	By balance brought down,.....			$102	58

WILLIAM J. BELL, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 12, 1829.

Dr. *The Account of the Missionary Committee*

1829. May 12.	To balance in favour of this account,.....	$474 36
		$474 36

The above account has been examined, and found correct.

W. H. DE LANCEY, JAMES S. SMITH, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, May 15, 1829.

Dr. *The Expense Account of the Convention of the*

1828. May 13.	To balance against this account on the books of the late treasurer,.....	$523 91
July 7.	To cash paid to Robert Desilver,.....	1 50
9.	To do. Jesper Harding,.....	140 80
17.	To do. do.,.....	55 33
1829. Jan. 9.	To do. Rev. Jackson Kemper,.....	4 81
May 11.	To do. W. J. Bell,.....	1 96
		$728 31
1829. May 13.	To balance brought down,.....	$668 31

The above account has been examined and found to be correct.

W. H. DE LANCEY, JAMES S. SMITH, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, May 15, 1829.

	Balance to *Cr.* of Missionary account, as above,..	$474 36	
	Do. to *Dr.* of expense account do.....	668 31	
	Leaving a credit balance of.....		$193 95
	Cash on hand per general account,.....		102 58
			$296 53
	Arising as follows, viz.		
Not brought into the Missionary and expense accounts.	Interest on Stock received in 1826,.....	$6 03	
	Do. do. $18 09, and principal $526 56, in 1827,.....	544 65	
	Do. do. in 1829,.....	7 80	
		$558 48	
	Invested in Stock in 1828,.....	261 95	
			$296 53

of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.		*Cr.*	
1828.			
May 13.	By balance on the account of the late treasurer,.....	$294	36
1829.			
May 12.	,, $\frac{3}{4}$ of $240 contributions received from churches since that date,.....	180	
		$474	36
1829.			
May 12.	By balance brought down,.....	$474	36

WILLIAM J. BELL, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 12, 1829.

Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania.		*Cr.*	
1829.			
May 12.	By one-fourth of $240 contributions received from the		
,,	churches since May 13, 1828,.....	$60	
	By balance against this account,.....	668	31
		$728	31

WILLIAM J. BELL, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 12, 1829.

To the Right Reverend WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania; Right Reverend HENRY U. ONDERDONK, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the same; and the Reverend Clergy and Lay Delegates in Convention assembled.

The memorial of the undersigned members and friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh and its vicinity,*

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:—

That your memorialists view, with deep concern, the existing want, in the Western country at large, and especially in our own state, of ministers of our church, and lament the insufficiency of the provision as yet made for their increase; believing that it bears no reasonable proportion to the progress of population, the calls of our scattered brethren, or the rank among other Christian denominations, which we think fairly due to the principles, the government, and worship of our own. To show the extent of our necessity, your memorialists refer to the fact, that before the revolutionary war, more than 250 ministers had been ordained for the Atlantic states, (then colonies) within sixteen years, at a time when the whole North American population did not amount to three millions of souls. To supply the present population of the United States, according to the same ratio, would require more than 1000 ministers, whereas we only possess 527; from which it appears that the country is about half as well supplied, upon an average, as it was sixty years ago. In further evidence of this position, it is well known that the principal part of the English clergy were then settled in Virginia and Maryland, both of which Dioceses, together, do not now number clergymen enough to supply the ruins of those buildings, once consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, while on every side, and in every quarter, we hear the call for ministerial help, and Episcopalians with their families, year after year, are found, in almost every state of the union, abandoning the church of their fathers, merely because there is no episcopalian pastor within their reach, to whose flock they can belong.

Such is the general aspect of this subject, as it respects the church at large. With regard to our own diocese, we number more than 100 towns in Pennsylvania, totally untouched by us, in which, taking into view the surrounding country, it is not unreasonable to suppose, that, in a little time, a minister of our church might be supported, especially if he would unite with his pastoral duties, the education of youth. Now, when we turn from the consideration of our wants, to the

* Referred to on p. 22.

means in operation to supply them, we find that the General Seminary, occupying, as it does, the first rank of usefulness, only numbers 24 students of Theology. It is not to be denied, that since the establishment of that excellent institution, the diocese of New York has had the best opportunity, in general, of being first supplied from its Alumni. Yet it appears that this diocese, by far the best furnished with ministerial labourers of any in the union, is at this moment in want of more than it can procure. If, to the General Seminary, we add the two diocesan seminaries of Virginia and Ohio, and put down, for each, the same number of students, we shall only obtain an aggregate of 72 students in the three seminaries, for the supply of the whole United States. To your memorialists it seems too obvious to require further illustration, that, if such a condition of things continue, we must calculate upon our falling more and more, below the other denominations of the country, in usefulness and effort, and must content ourselves with beholding the increasing preponderance of every Christian sect, beyond that church which we love to contemplate as the strongest earthly bulwark of our sacred religion.

Under these circumstances, therefore, and without at all desiring to impugn the importance of the General Seminary, your memorialists respectfully suggest the necessity of organizing, for this state, a Diocesan Theological Seminary, and beg leave to recommend the vicinity of Pittsburgh as the most eligible location for this purpose. In favour of this recommendation they assign the following reasons: 1st. Because there is no point within the state, exclusive of Philadelphia, so important to the interests of the church, while at the same time, it is so far from New York, as to make it a serious advantage to Western cadidates, that they could be instructed without the expense of a long journey, and a residence at such a distance from connexions and friends. 2nd. Because a highly commanding and beautiful site, together with several large subscriptions, are already provided for this object, by the rector and congregation of Trinity church, Pittsburgh, in the hope of laying a good foundation for so laudable an undertaking. And 3d. Because, by an establishment at such a place, no injury can possibly be apprehended to the increase and prosperity of the General Seminary. That institution we esteem, as of incalculable value to the character and prospects of the church at large, but we cannot think it likely to flourish the less, if there were also a Diocesan Seminary in every state throughout the union, since the same policy which directs the commonwealth to bring a collegiate education within reasonable reach of every man's door, calls still more imperatively on the church, for such a diffusion of theological facilities, as

may afford to every zealous episcopalian, the means of dedicating his child to the ministry of the gospel.

In reliance upon the overruling Providence of God, we respectfully commit the further consideration of this important subject to the wisdom and the piety of your enlightened body, praying that the great Head of the church may direct and prosper your deliberations by his effectual blessing.

Signed by John H. Hopkins, and others, amounting, in all, to 69.

Note.—The other memorial was the same as this.

Abstract of Bishop White's Address, 1829.

The Right Reverend Bishop White reports, that he has *ordained one* priest, and *two* deacons, *consecrated one* church, *confirmed* 127 persons, *visited* 4 parishes, *granted* letters dimissory to 3 priests and 4 deacons, *admitted* into the diocese on letters dimissory 3 priests and two deacons, received as candidates for orders 5 persons, and *attended a meeting* of the General Theological Seminary in New York. He *reports* the continuance of the exertions of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Female Tract Society, and of the Bible Society of Philadelphia. He *reports*, the fund for the support of the widows and children of deceased clergymen to amount to $42,595 33; the Episcopal Fund as remaining substantially in the same state as last year.

Abstract of Bishop Onderdonk's Address, 1829.

The Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk *reports*, that his *visitations* have now extended to the whole diocese of Pennsylvania, many of the congregations having been visited twice, and some three times; that he has preached 211 times; that he has *visited* the dioceses of Delaware and Maryland; that he has *ordained* four deacons; *consecrated* two churches; *confirmed* 376 persons; baptized six adults and six children; that there are *eleven* missionaries under the ecclesiastical authority, employed in the diocese; that five churches are erecting; one is ready for consecration, and in several parishes measures are in progress preparatory to the erection of houses of worship.

Abstract of the Parochial Reports.

Reports have been received from 35 clergymen, respecting 54 churches.

Some of the reports do not state the number of Sunday school teachers and scholars: others do not distinguish between the infant and adult baptisms.

Very few mention the sums of money collected for the institutions of the church.

From several clergymen no reports have been received.

The following are the aggregates of the various items generally named in the reports.

BAPTISMS.

Adults, - - -	106
Infants, - - -	614
Total, - - -	720

COMMUNICANTS.

Added, - - -	332
Removed, - - -	67
Present number, - -	2563
Confirmed, - -	337
Marriages, - -	287
Deaths, - - -	400
Sunday school teachers,	396
Scholars,	3505

NOTICE.

The next annual Convention of the Church in this diocese, will be held in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1830, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY,
Secretary.